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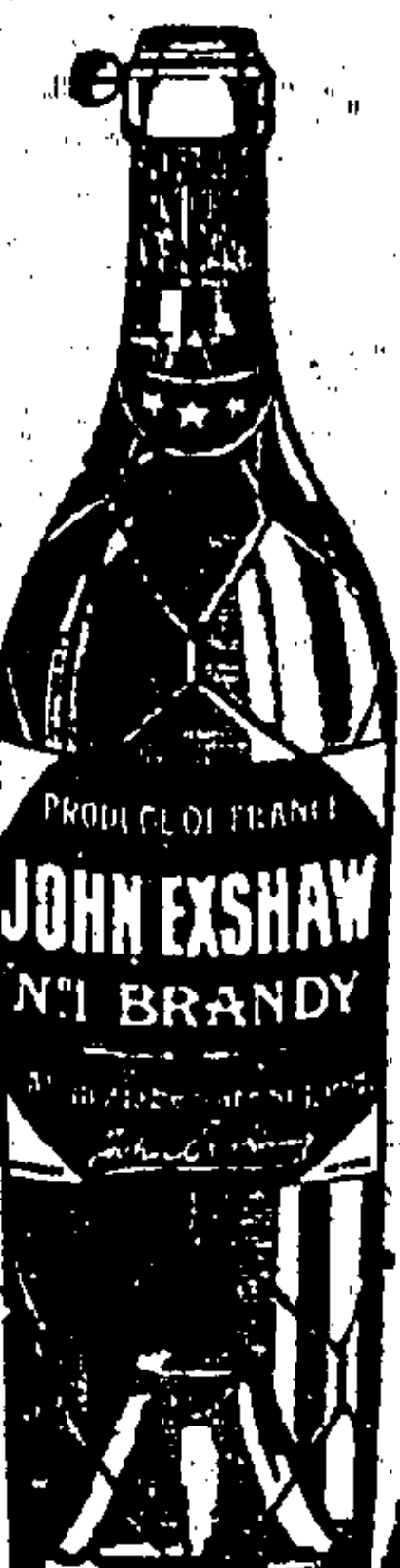
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A MONSTROUS CHANGE

New Names For
"M" Class

London, Dec. 5.

It is but rarely given to a First Lord of the Admiralty to announce any softening of the Naval Estimates, but yesterday in the House of Commons Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell came very near it. In answer to a question he stated that ships of the "M" class, which it had been originally intended to name after mythical monsters, were instead to receive the more restful titles of cities. One may reasonably wonder what has caused this weakening of resolution in Whitehall. Two of the ships had already been named the Polyphemus and the Minotaur, though fortunately the paint had not been made indelible with champagne, but they too are to be known henceforth as the Southampton and the Newcastle. Can it be that hurried research into Greek mythology has suggested that monsters are not always suitable patterns for warships? Polyphemus was certainly short of gunnery practice, for he was unable to score a single hit on Odysseus's ship at the paltry range of three hundred yards, and the Minotaur, while a formidable beast, was a necessarily landlocked creature. Nor would the Admiralty have fared much better with other choices. The Chimera foresaw the more unpleasant developments in the technique of war and installed a pair of fire-breathing lungs, but it was constructed in three sections, and badly fitting ones at that, being in turn a lion, a goat, and a dragon. Promotion would have been exceedingly difficult in the Hydra, for no sooner was the axe applied to one of its many heads than two more sprang up in its place. On consideration the Admiralty may seem to have done well in this decision, but it would have been a pleasant compromise if they had named the ships not after towns but famous Scottish lochs.

RECORD STAMP SALE

£100,000 Already Bid For
Hind Collection

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

A new record in stamp sales was made yesterday when the present total for the sale of the Hind stamp collection at Harpers, New Bond-street, passed the £100,000 stage. The American stamps were sold in New York for about \$45,000.

Fifteen nationalities were competing for German States stamps and making bids of hundreds of pounds. Nine stamps of Oldenburg brought £200 A mint block of 12 1859 Oldenburg stamps had an opening bid of £500, and were competed for up to £1,300.

There are still many thousands more Hind stamps for sale.

GOLD CROWNS CEREMONY

1,600-Year-Old Rites
For Royal Couple

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

In striking contrast to the scene in the dim vastness of Westminster Abbey, the Greek ceremony, which followed the royal wedding, was conducted in the tiny white-walled, red-carpeted private chapel of Buckingham Palace.

Amid all the picturesque ceremony of the 1,600-year-old rites of the Greek Orthodox Church, the Duke and Duchess of Kent again plighted their troth.

Never before has the bride of an English Prince taken her marriage vows before a Greek priest on English soil.

Solemnly the Archbishop, Germanos, Metropolitan of Thyatira, swung a censor and intoned the first sonorous words of the Greek service.

After prayers he gave a gold ring to the Duke and another to the Duchess, making the Sign of the Cross over their heads and uttering the words in Greek, "The servant of God, Marina, is betrothed to the servant of God George. In the name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Ghost."

Three times the Archbishop repeated the words, placing the rings on the third fingers of the right hands of the Duke and Duchess. Then the two sponsors, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of York, changed the rings.

Holding two golden crowns over the heads of the bride and bridegroom, the Archbishop uttered the Benediction. Three times the crowns were changed.

Taking the gold cup from the table, the Archbishop placed wine in it. First he passed it to the bride, who in turn drank of the wine.

Three times the Duke and Duchess, escorted by the two priests in their magnificent gold embroidered robes walked round the ceremonial table very slowly, and the choir sang hymns as the little procession, followed by the two sponsors passed.

When the Duke and Duchess resumed their places in front of the table, the Archbishop began an exhortation to them, concluding with a final blessing.

Miscellaneous.—Whist Drive, Civil Service Cricket Club, 8.45 p.m. Moon.—XI Moon, 21st Day. Social Functions.—Chinese Catholic Young Men's Society Annual Dinner, 7.30 p.m. Sports. Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Royal Navy v. Army (Hong Kong C.C. ground), 11 a.m. Hockey.—Y.M.C.A. seconds v. Sikh Association, 5.15 p.m. Sunrise.—7.01 a.m. Sunset.—5.47 p.m. Tides.—High at 14.32. Low at 7.40 17.53.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 25.
Anniversaries and Holidays.—Christmas Day, Public Holiday. Accession of Emperor of Japan, 1928.

Cinemas.
King's:—"Caravan."
Queen's:—"Treasure Island."
Central:—"Chinese Picture."
Oriental:—"Viva Villa!"
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"The Circus Clown."
Majestic:—"Stand Up And Cheer."

Star:—"Aunt Sally."
Moon.—XI Moon, 19th Day. Social Functions.—China Light Recreation Club Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m. Sunrise.—7 a.m. Sunset.—5.46 p.m. Tides.—High at 13.32 and 23.26. Low at 6.31 and 16.28.

Wednesday Dec. 26.
Anniversaries and Holidays.—Boxing Day, Bank Holiday. St. Stephen.

Cinemas.
King's:—"Caravan."
Queen's:—"The Merry Widow."
Central:—"Chinese Picture."
Oriental:—"Operator No. 13."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"The Circus Clown."
Majestic:—"Stand Up And Cheer."

Star:—"Aunt Sally."
Entertainments.—H.K. Civil Service Cricket Club, Children's Christmas Tree and annual prize-giving, 5 p.m.

Meetings.—Victoria Chess Club, Lane Crawford, 8.30 p.m. Kowloon Union Women's Guild, 11 a.m. Miscellaneous.—Claims against the Estate of Alfred Einarsson due; Moon.—XI Moon, 20th Day.

Sports.
Cricket.—First Division, Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Navy, 11 a.m.; Second Division, Royal Navy v. Kowloon C.C. (P), 11 a.m.; Craigengower C.C. married v. Single.

Football.—Sunday Herald Cup China v. England (Club Ground) 3.30 p.m.; Portugal v. Wales (Kowloon Ground), 3.30 p.m.

Hunting.—Fanning Hunt (Tien Ping Shan), 3.15 p.m. Sunrise.—7 a.m. Sunset.—5.46 p.m. Tides.—High at 14.04 and 23.54. Low at 7.05 and 17.06.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27.
Anniversaries and Holidays.—St. John the Apostle and Evangelist.

Cinemas.
King's:—"Caravan."
Queen's:—"The Merry Widow."
Central:—"Chinese Picture."
Oriental:—"Operator No. 13."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"The Circus Clown."
Majestic:—"Stand Up And Cheer."

Star:—"Aunt Sally."
Meetings.—Annual, China Light and Power Co., St. George's Building, 12.15 p.m.; H.K. Philatelic Society, "S.C.M. Post" Board Room, 5.30 p.m.; Company Commanders, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

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RIBBON DEVELOPMENT

Emergency Measures
Requested Of The
Prime Minister

"That ribbon development as a whole is a social problem second to no other in importance" is a statement appearing in a letter that has been sent to the Prime Minister, by a number of eminent people. A request is made for emergency legislation that will provide an interlude in which comprehensive measures can be adopted. The dangers to life in traffic accidents, and other evils accruing from ribbon building, have been officially recognised by the Ministers of Health and Transport in a point announcement. The result of this announcement, it is urged, has been "to prompt those who are looking to profit from ribbon development to accelerate their programme and anticipate a change in the law."

The case for immediate action is incontrovertible. Road casualties are three times as heavy in built-up areas as elsewhere; ribbon development is ugly—destructive of the charm of the countryside; it is uneconomic in that it impedes the progress of traffic. Three counties alone, Surrey, Middlesex and Essex have powers to control the buildings along their roads.

Last week, speaking at the Mayor's banquet at Guildford, Lord Onslow referred to the efforts of the Surrey County Council to deal with the problem. In 1931 powers were taken by the Council to prohibit access to certain roads, subject to compensation being paid to the landowners in respect of any injurious effect on their property. In collaboration with certain landowners, a scheme has been prepared under which the landowners would convey to the Council without any payment land on each side of the roads sufficient to make a width between fences of 180 feet. The Council would then let the land to the landowner at a peppercorn.

rent until he wished to develop it. At this stage the Council would construct, with the assistance of a fixed contribution for the landowner, subsidiary carriageways, parallel to the main one, together with footpaths. Finally, there would thus be three roads, provision being made for through traffic to be kept to the centre track, the subsidiary roads being for house-to-house vehicles. Building estate roads would connect with the subsidiary ones.

This scheme is a most interesting one with many advantages; among them is the avoiding of congestion caused by stationary vehicles on main roads. The plan would of course, be subject to modifications as special circumstances arose. While it would replace ordinary roads by a much safer and more sightly system, it would not necessarily ensure land being laid out with buildings properly grouped, to mention but one objection. Nevertheless, the scheme affords a fruitful field of speculation on what might be achieved if the powers enjoyed by Surrey, Essex and Middlesex were conferred upon all county councils. It is submitted that these would be insufficient to deal fully with the matter. The solution is, therefore, for an emergency Bill pending such wider action as investigation shows to be necessary.

FLYERS' £15,000

Johannesburg.

Scott and Black, the winners of the England to Melbourne air race, will make £15,000 from advertising fees and film rights, said Mr. A. O. Edwards, who financed the winning plane, on his arrival here from Australia. The plane cost Mr. Edwards

MOTOR JOTTINGS

BETTER ROADS

Need To Visualise
Conditions

At the meeting of the British Road Tar Association referred to, Sir David Milne-Watson compared highway development in this country with that in foreign countries. In the U.S.A., France, Italy and Germany, vast road schemes have been put in hand during the past few years, but in Great Britain there has been a drastic curtailment of road-making and a big reduction in expenditure on maintenance in the same period. Sir David was not exaggerating when he said that the rapid increase in the number of vehicles using British roads not only made it absurd to cut down road work, but rendered essential the taking of a very long view which would envisage conditions as they will be five or ten years from now.

Work Should Recommend

It is satisfactory that many of the highway schemes which were postponed or suspended during the worst period of the economic crisis are now to be revived with assistance from the Road Fund. Let us hope that the delay in carrying them through will not prove to have been time altogether wasted. If it has been utilised for closely studying the problems involved in the light of modern experience, and if the result is the avoidance of mistakes—especially in layout and surfacing materials—which have been far too prevalent in the past, the hold-up in British road development may turn out to have been a blessing in disguise. It is time, however, for extensive work to recommence.

\$5,000 at the factory. Flying and other expenses came to £3,500. The film rights of the flight alone have been sold by the pilots to an American firm for \$3,000.

DAZZLING HEAD
LIGHTSBad Practice That
Should be Suppressed

Draft regulations under the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927, are about to be circulated by the Minister of Transport. These regulations will be framed to reduce the trouble often experienced through vehicle drivers being dazzled by the bright lamps on approaching cars. It is well known that the difficulty of legislation in this connection is considerable, and that most of the palliatives which have been tried are open to grave criticism. There is, however, one source of dazzle that could be suppressed very simply. We refer to the head-lamp layout which provides for the mere extinguishing of the off-side light while leaving the near-side lamp still showing a powerful beam straight down the road ahead.

Provocative Behaviour

To be faced by a car of which the driver suddenly brings into use this kind of so-called anti-dazzle system is a problem that many motorists must have encountered within the past few months. Everyone knows that where the extinguishing of the off-side lamp is accompanied by the dipping and switching of the near-side beam no dazzle occurs, and in the same way there is very little cause for complaint when twin-flame head-lamp bulbs are used, one flame giving a long-distance concentrated beam and the other a diffused light which merely illuminates the ground immediately in front of the vehicle. The driver who simply puts out his off-side head lamp, and does not in any way vary the direction or intensity of the near-side beam is guilty of inconsiderate and provocative behaviour, for an approaching driver, seeing one of the oncoming lamps go out, feels that he would like to respond by using his dip and switch or other genuine anti-dazzle device. If he does so, however, he may find that the single head light coming towards him dazzles him completely; in self-defence he is bound again to switch on all his head-lamp power. Thereupon the offender switches on his off-side lamp and both drivers are inconvenienced.

Whatever form the new regulations take, it is to be hoped that the type of spurious anti-dazzle method to which we have referred will be prohibited.

NEW AERODROMES

Eleven To Be Built
In Great Britain

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Nov. 27.

Eleven new aerodromes are to be constructed in Great Britain for the Royal Air Force.

This was announced in the House of Lords by Viscount Halifax, Minister for War, replying to a question by Lord Mottistone (formerly Major General Seely) as to whether the Government could now give a definition of our needs for National and Imperial defence, with a view to securing an adequate number of recruits. He added that the Government's Service.

The Air Ministry had definitely decided on eleven sites for new aerodromes, Lord Halifax said. Of these, six had been actually acquired, or were "well advanced towards acquisition."

Increasing Strength. He added that the Government's programme of increasing the strength of the Royal Air Force was being steadily pursued.

"In the view of the Government," he said, "these proposals are considered to be essential if our forces are to remain adequate for their duties in the light of present circumstances."

To diminish the possibility of attack was, in the Government's opinion, the best defence, and all their policy was directed towards that end.

"I do not mean," Lord Halifax went on, "that the reduction in the

TAR AND FISH

Innocuous Drainage
Into Streams

At the annual general meeting of the British Road Tar Association, held recently, Sir David Milne-Watson was able to make an interesting announcement. It was that lengthy research had just resulted in the production of a special road tar which would receive the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for use on roads draining into fishing streams. This is important, for the value of tar, which is an all-British product, for use as a waterproof top-dressing on roads, is recognised, and its one disadvantage hitherto has been the difficulty of ensuring a degree of purity that would make it harmless to fish life when used on roads bordering or draining into rivers or lakes. Many years ago a well-known trout breeder expressed the view that purified tar was not a source of danger to his charges, but that the difficulty was to persuade road authorities to expend sufficient money to secure it. Sir David Milne-Watson's statement suggests that it will be possible to offer the new tar at a price that will not put it beyond the reach of those responsible for the construction and maintenance of the highways adjacent to rivers and streams.

LONG DISTANCE
AUTOGIROAttempted Flight
To Capetown

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Nov. 30.

The attempt of a woman pilot to fly to Capetown in an autogiro will be followed with interest by all who believe in the future of this type of flying-machine. The long-distance flight has long been an accepted method of popularising new aircraft, and many people have wondered why Senor de la Cierva and users of his invention did not attempt to do more in that direction. Certainly if they did not it was not from any doubts of the autogiro's ability to endure the strains of extended flight; the reliability of the craft is now well proved. More probably the chief difficulty was that the autogiro's range is still less than that of some comparable sorts of fixed-wing craft. This drawback seems to have been overcome for the purposes of Mrs. Victor Bruce's attempt by the fitting of extra petrol tanks. The characteristic qualities of the machine should considerably assist any pilot's peace of mind during a long flight over difficult country. The risks of a forced landing among the forests or rough ground of Africa by an ordinary aeroplane which requires a landing run of several hundred feet are acute. But a forced landing can seldom present any terrors to an autogiro, for which a cleared space of only a few square feet is sufficient. There is no present reason, of course, to think that the autogiro could supersede the fixed-wing aeroplane on long-distance commercial services. For that we must await further developments in the autogiro's size and speed. But for the moment a successful long-distance flight or two would do more to popularise the craft than any number of "stunt" landings in city street.

force by this country alone is going to reduce the possibility of attack.

No Unilateral Disarmament. "I do not take the view that by mere of tranquillity in which disarmament becomes a possibility and to produce a situation whereby increasing our vulnerability we diminish the risk of our being attacked."

"While we will continue to strain every nerve to produce an atmosphere of international agreement, yet unless and until disarmament is achieved we do take the view that we have no right ourselves to disregard our responsibilities and unilaterally to disarm."

ECONOMY IN DIESEL

Where The Big Goods-
Carrier Scores

For Private Cars

Recently an eight-wheeled commercial vehicle weighing, with its load, 21 tons 19½ cwt. and running under the official observation of the R.A.C., covered 88½ miles at an average speed of 16.7 m.p.h. and with a fuel consumption of 8.84 m.p.g. The owner of a private car weighing, say, one ton would not be at all pleased if his mileage per gallon of petrol were no more than 24; as a matter of fact, it is probably about 30. In other words, he moves one ton for 30 miles at an expenditure of one gallon of fuel; disregarding any weight of passengers, his "ton mileage" is 30. If we assume that he has three passengers with him in the car, that its weight so laden is 25 cwt., and that he can still get 30 m.p.g., we find that he can carry 25 cwt. for 30 miles on one gallon of fuel, and that his ton mileage per gallon is 37½.

Compare this last-mentioned figure with the ton mileage of the commercial vehicle referred to. It is no less than 211.9. The performance is equivalent to that of a private car weighing, with passengers, one ton, and travelling more than 211 m.p.g. This is not, of course, quite a fair comparison, for the amazing ton mileage figure is greatly contributed to by the heavy weight of the load, which was, in fact, 14 tons 24 cwt.

The achievement of the 22-tonner is, however, well worthy of mention, because it was made possible by the use of a diesel-type engine running on a fuel which could not be employed satisfactorily in a normal internal-combustion engine. There are many difficulties in the way of adapting the diesel, or "compression-ignition" engine for use in a private car, but the advantage of such adaptation is manifest. Reference was made a short time ago to a new diesel engine—the pattern used during the R.A.C. test—which appears to possess particular interest for private car manufacturers; it is to be hoped that a full investigation of its possibilities in this direction will be undertaken.

Hitherto, the comparatively poor flexibility of the diesel engine and the difficulty of designing fuel injection pumps capable of supplying correctly the minute amounts of fuel required for each explosion stroke in a small power unit have been serious problems. In addition, the weight of the diesel and its cost have been awkward factors. However, in due course, solutions will, doubtless, be found, and the compression-ignition engine for private cars will come.

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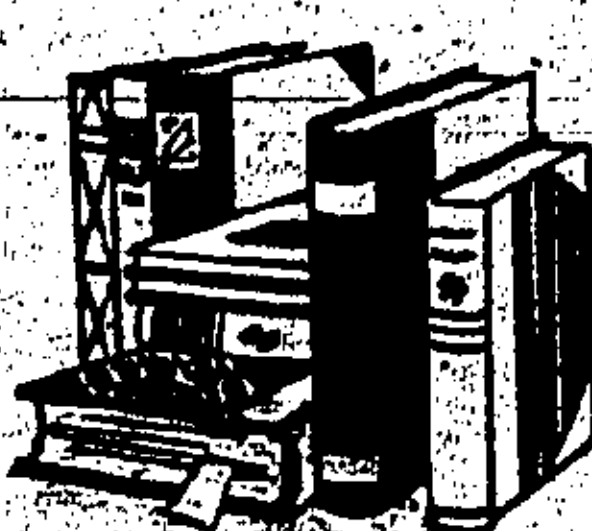
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AUNT SALLY

At The Star

"Aunt Sally" starring the one and only Cicely Courtneidge, is not just straightforward comedy. It has, as a background to the riotous story, elaborate spectacle in the form of a super cabaret in a night club.

No chances were taken in regard to these spectacular scenes and Edward Royce, the famous producer, was engaged to co-operate with Tim Whelan, the director, in the production of certain scenes. He combed London for the dancers and after a number of auditions fifty girls were selected out of a thousand of London's prettiest and best.

In one of the big numbers in the cabaret sequence a revolving stage made of glass and lit from underneath and a horizontal travelling staircase, are used to great effect. Many remarkable overhead shots have been obtained with the aid of prisms and special camera lenses.

The "Rainbow Number," which forms a part of the opening night at the club, was photographed from every conceivable angle, including a special trick camera which was fixed on the "cat-walk" at the top of the studio. On the stage of the night club, three giant rainbows covered in silver foil and out-lined in Neon tubing create a striking background.

The music composed by Harry Woods and played by Debroy Somers in the film, has already enjoyed considerable success over the air.

Tim Whelan, who directed the successful farce "It's a Boy" adapted the story for the screen of "Aunt Sally" in addition to directing it, and he has made a subject that shows us Cicely Courtneidge at her best.

In one scene Cicely Courtneidge, as Sally Bird, a cabaret star, does an apache dance. Her partner has been knocked out by American gangsters, one of them takes the place of the dancer.

A desperate struggle follows, but the onlookers, unaware that it is a real fight, applaud heartily. They enjoy the toughest apache dance ever staged. The producers prophesy that this dance will eclipse anything Miss Courtneidge has done in her past picture.

The story concerns Sally Bird, whose ambition it is to work in cabaret, but who is turned down at her audition. By a ruse she becomes a maid in the house of the owner of the night club and by a further subterfuge passes herself off as a famous Parisian artiste. After an unsuccessful attempt by gangsters to kidnap her Sally gains her ambition and appears in the cabaret with enormous success.

A brilliant cast of artistes supports Cicely Courtneidge in this picture.

Films about the armament industry are increasing in number. The latest to be announced is "War is a Racket" to be produced by an independent American company.



Jeanette MacDonald and Maurice Chevalier in "The Merry Widow."

MERRY WIDOW

A Lavish Production

The Merry Widow is in town again after all these years. The Merry Widow is the most lavish production which Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has issued from their studios for many a day. And they like to do things well. The picture looks expensive. It was expensive. They made it in two versions English and French, with the principals, Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, speaking and singing in both languages, but with separate supporting casts.

The reunion of Chevalier with Jeanette MacDonald, in a mythical kingdom setting, and under the direction of Lubitsch, tends to recall "THE LOVE PARADE." Which is a pity, because "The Merry Widow" and the first Lubitsch-Chevalier-MacDonald musical success, however natural, are bound to be a little unfair. One must remember that "The Love Parade" in its day, was something quite fresh. It startled and stimulated the senses by the novelty of its ideas. There is naturally not the same degree of surprise in "The Merry Widow." But if we could see the two productions side by side the advance in technique would, I believe astonish us.

MOVIE NEWS

An American company is reported to be buying the film rights of Irish plays with a view to producing them in studios to be built in Southern Ireland. If the second half of the plan comes to fruition these will be the first film studios in the Irish Free State.

According to Francois B. De Valdes a Havana Journalist who is acting as technical adviser on Carole Lombard's latest film, "Rumba" the rumba originated in the year 1840 during the colonisation of Cuba. The dance fitted the music of castanets and drums.

Gaumont-British announce that they have signed Fay Wray to play opposite Jack Hulbert in his next picture "Alias Bulldog Drummond."

Mussolini is reported to be trying to persuade Frank Capra to make a picture in Italy, based on an original story by Il Duce himself. It will be financed by the State and is part of a scheme to improve Italian pictures. Capra, besides being a highly successful director, has the additional qualification of being Italian by birth.

Charles MacArthur and Ben Hecht have accepted the Soviet Government's invitation (reported here last week) to make a film in Russia. They are waiting to see if they can take Helen Hayes (Mrs MacArthur) with them as leading lady, but her prior engagements will probably rule this out.

Frank Buck is due back in Malaya in December to film another jungle thriller.

The Warner version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been banned in Germany even before it has gone into production. Reason: Jewish origin of Max Reinhardt, producer, and Mendelssohn, composer of incidental music.

Greta Garbo is reported to have signed an agreement for another picture with M.G.M. under which she will be paid three hundred thousand dollars (about £60,000). She is understood to have been paid two hundred and seventy thousand dollars (about £54,000) for her work in "The Painted Veil."

Work on Paramount's "Ruggles of Red Gap" has been held up because Charles Laughton's hair has not grown since he shaved it to play Micawber. W. C. Fields the new Micawber has refused to have his own locks shorn.



"A Scene" from "The Merry Widow"

Ramon Novarro and Evelyn Laye are to be teamed again in "Love While You May" after they have finished "The Night is Young." In the meantime, Novarro is to make a Spanish talkie at an independent studio. He will produce, direct, write, and star in it.

Cary Grant has had his Paramount contract renewed at almost double his former salary. His first picture under the new contract will be "One Woman" Claudette Colbert being the lady in question. He is at present working with Myrna Loy in "Wings in the Dark."

Dorothy Mackall has joined forces with Lila Lee and Buster Collier and the trio are appearing in vaudeville shows in America.

Joan Bennett is to appear opposite Charles Boyer in "Private Worlds."

Ray Noble is writing the songs and orchestrating the music for three pictures: "The Big Broadcast of 1935," "Lady Beware" and "Win or Lose." The last of these is the next Burns and Allen picture.

Edward G. Robinson is playing the role of a detective in "Money Man," based on a story by Dashiell Hammett, who was once a detective himself.

Donald Crisp and his wife, Jane Murfin, intend to sail to England soon in their 100-ft schooner.

Jean Harlow's next picture after "China Seas" will be "Spilled" the story of a Los Angeles heiress. After that Jean hopes to pay her first visit to London.

Genevieve Tobin has been badly injured in a car smash.

Cary Cooper is to go to Alaska to play the lead in "Renegade" the story of an exploration expedition. Carole Lombard will go with him as leading lady and the unit is expected to be away for several months.



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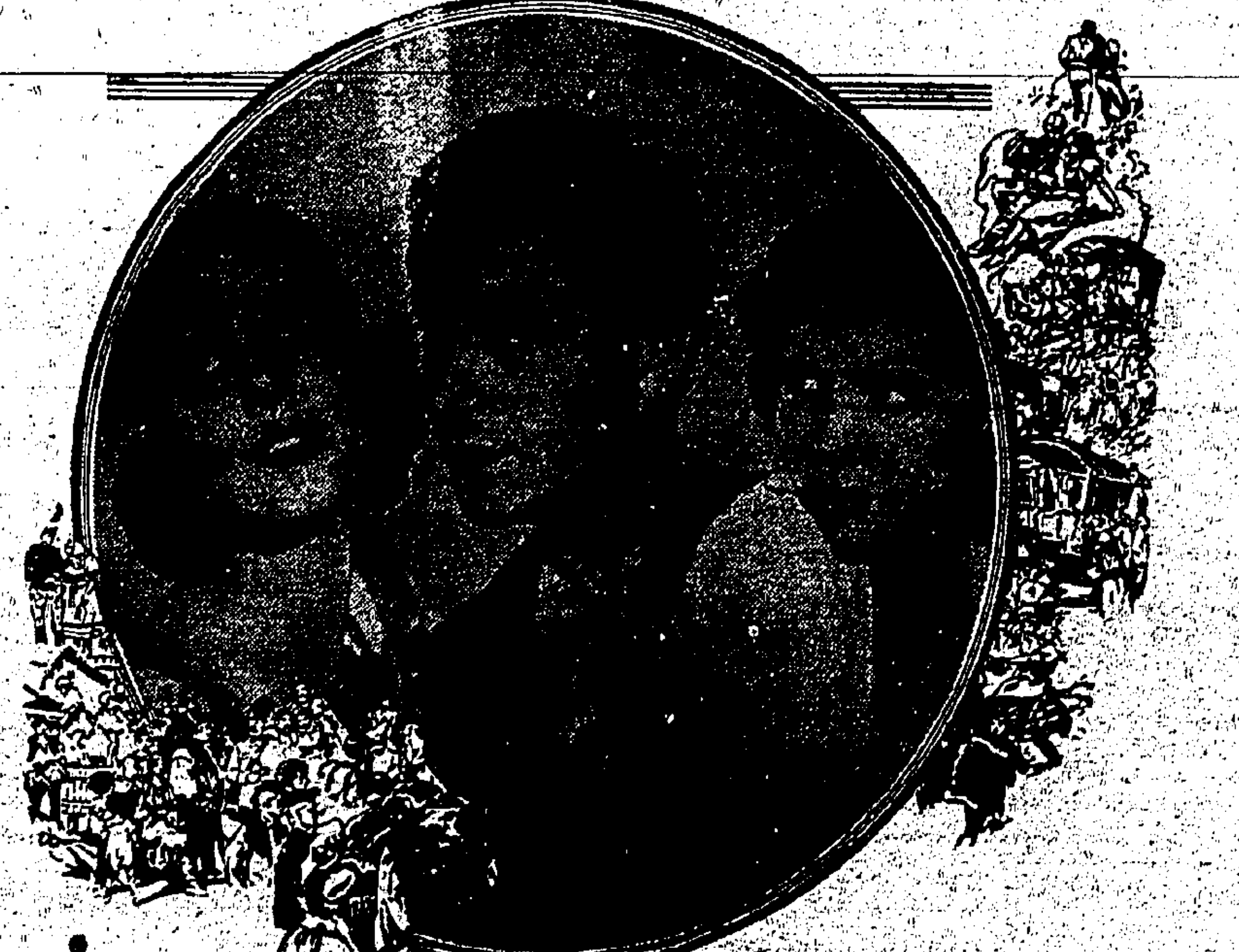
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Elissa Landi has been definitely signed to appear as Carl Brisson's leading lady in "All the King's Horses" thus replacing Kitty Carlisle who was Brisson's leading lady in "Murder in the Vanities."

Willard Mack, actor and director, has died in Hollywood at the age of 61. He first entered films in 1913, and was married at one time to Marjorie Rameau, later to Pauline Frederick.

We know that Mary Boland, as the Queen of the Forest Island in "RKO Radio City," musical "DOWN TO EARTH," last night, is more than a kind of baby because she looks like the actress who plays "Hedda" in "Hedda."

Hidden Name Puzzle



Certain words have been cleverly hidden within the lines of this clown caricature. It contains the name of a famous movie star, and his latest picture. Can you solve this?

THE MERRY WIDOW

Coming Soon To The Queen's

The famous triumvirate of Ernst Lubitch, Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald returns to the screen in its most glamorous achievement in "The Merry Widow," spectacular transcription of the Franz Lehár masterpiece bringing to the screen for the first time the music loved all over the world.

The much-talked-of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production coming very shortly to the Queen's Theatre brings to pictures the original continental romance with its haunting Viennese music, but on a scale seldom seen in any picture. Huge settings, hundreds of gorgeously costumed people, picturesque Albertina Rasch ballets, great musical ensembles are combined to make a picture of a magnitude seldom attempted.

Chevalier as the debonaire Danilo runs the gamut from comedy to gripping drama, as does Miss MacDonald in the role of Sonia. They sing all the famous song-hits of the production, and elaborate orchestral ensembles, under Herbert Stotsart form a musical background.

Edward Everett Horton supplies comedy as the ambassador and Una Merkel and George Barbier are the screamingly funny king and queen. Minna Gombell, Ruth Channing, Sterling Holloway, Donald Meek and others are in the elaborate cast.

The gay revues at Maxim's, the famous "Can-Can" dance, the great waltz number in the ballroom, with a background of 180 Rasch dancers, the much-talked-of "White Sept" and other elaborate high spots mark the Irving Thalberg super-picture.

Ernst Vajda and Samson Raphaelson, adapted the story to the screen, adding whimsical "Lubitch touches" to the Lehár original but retaining in full its European flavour.

DAMES

New-Year Attraction At The Alhambra

Ever since motion pictures were in their flickering stages, movie teams have been popular. In fact, all true unions of movie players have been the result of public approval.

One of the recent pairings of youthful personalities for the camera was that of Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler, Al Jolson's wife. This couple made their film debut in the Warner Bros. musical, "42nd Street," were together again in "Gold Diggers of 1933" and "Footlight Parade." The movie going public voiced its approval of the screen lovers to such an extent that the combination was continued.

Now they are co-starred with Joan Blondell in Warner Bros. mammoth musical, "Dames," which is scheduled as the new year attraction at the Alhambra Theatre.

The picture is a hilarious musical comedy romance with spectacular number staged by Busby Berkeley in which 300 beautiful girls take part. Others in the cast include ZaSu Pitts, Guy Kibbee, Hugh Herbert, Arthur Vinton and Phil Regan.

Music and lyrics were written by three teams of noted songsters, Warren and Dubin, Fain and Kahal, and Dixon and Wrubel. Ray Enright, directed from the screen, play by Delmer Daves, based on the story by Robert Lord and Daves.

Cole Porter famous Broadway musical comedy composer is to write a musical for Fox. He recently composed the music of "Nymph Errant."

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Driven by the tyranny of a white jungle queen, both classes ultimately elect to remain forever on this fantastical island where there is nothing to do but indulge in its unending pastimes of singing and dancing and flirtation.

The cast includes an army of favourites with Mary Boland, Polly Moran, Sidney Fox, Sidney Blackmer, Ned Sparks, Marjorie Gateson, Charles Coleman, Dot Farley, Sterling Holloway, Irene Franklin and other noted tumblers and songsters. Six song writers, all notable in the stage and screen world, wrote the music. They are Ann Ronnell, Will Jason, Val Burton, Cliff Friend, Sidney Mitchell and Max Steiner.

Endeavouring to make "Down to Their Last Yacht" superlatively lavish and magnificent, the RKO-Radio studio converted two of its mammoth sound stages into one, and therein built a setting which is said to outdo anything in studio construction heretofore attempted. It represents a fanciful tropical paradise of glamorous proportions.

Off the island's synthetic beach lies a grounded yacht, nearly two hundred feet in length and complete to the last detail, upon which a family of fallen aristocrats have cruised in order to save rent. The yacht is represented as wrecked on the Island of Molakamokalu, whose natives are ruled by an eccentric white queen who takes the expedition captive. There is nothing to do on this island paradise but revel. So finally everybody, rich and poor alike, the queen, the natives and all, unite in one grand heaven of song and salutation, all class lines and barriers destroyed by the spell of Cupid, magic moonlit nights and deep blue lagoons.



Sidney Fox, whose romance with Sidney Blackmer in RKO-Radio's "DOWN TO THEIR LAST YACHT," is considerably advanced by a tropical moon on the Island of Molakamokalu.

Mary Boland is seen as the madcap queen whose lovers are as numerous as her moods. Sidney Fox and Sidney Blackmer essay the romantic leads. Ned Sparks is the comic captain of the yacht, and Polly Moran depicts a boisterous promoter who makes a living by boosting the vulgar newly-rich up the rungs of the social ladder. Paul Sloane directed this Lou Brock production, a follow-up to the sensational "Flying Down to Rio."

TREASURE ISLAND

Extended Run At The Queen's

"Treasure Island," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's picturization of the Robert Louis Stevenson story is enjoying an extended run at the Queen's Theatre.

This highly amusing and pleasing story will slide through as the grandest romantic adventure film of the year.

Directed by Victor Fleming, the production is an interesting one, done in good taste, with some imagination and salted spasmatically with humour. It is crowded with incidents and should appeal to lovers of clean adventure pictures.

Wallace Beery and Lionel Barrymore make vivid and colourful the pirates each portray while Jackie Cooper is co-starred with the former as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer. Otto Kruger is seen as Dr. Livesey and Nigel Bruce puffs and blusters in old English fashion for the part of Squire Trelawney. Charles "Chic" Sale adds entertaining comedy touches as Ben Gunn, marooned pirate. Others in the cast include Little Cora Sue Collins, Wm. M. Mors and Dorothy Peterson.

The photography is beautiful. Scenic and photographic values of old England and sea escapes are well done, and for these and other beautiful pictures that will remain in your mind, thanks should go to Ray June, Hal Rosson and Clyde De Vinna.

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Joe E. Brown stood under the "big top," which had been especially put up at the winter quarters of the A.L.G. Barnes circus near El Monte, Calif., for his latest First National picture, "The Circus Clown," which opens tomorrow at the Alhambra Theatre. He looked over the gathering of circus folk who had been called together from all parts of the country to put on the show which is the background of Joe's comedy antics.

"There's easy two million dollars worth of circus talent around this tent right now," observed Joe. "This collection of entertainers is enough to satisfy every boy from six to sixty in the country, and would be the pride of any show owner."

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"And there," he continued, "is Mamie Ward. She's the leader of the Flying Wards, finest group of mid-air artists ever seen."

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SCOTS WORRIED OVER SCOTLAND

Their Country Marking Time: Lack Of New Industries

(Special Air Mail Service)

Edinburgh Dec. 5.

Scotsmen are worried about Scotland.

Scotland may "stand where she did," they say, but she certainly does not stand where she ought to stand!

The trouble is that Scots have been so busy migrating to London and Birmingham and Manchester, and making those and other places famous, that they have forgotten Scotland.

So Scotland, it is alleged, has been marking time, neglecting to start new industries of her own, and simply acting as an expert centre for brains.

Sir Ian Hamilton told Edinburgh University students: "Scots have been becoming more and more important in the world at large and less and less important at home. What shall it profit, if we gain the whole world—and lose Scotland?"

Sir Ian Colquhoun, Chief of the Clan and Lord Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire, refers to the dearth of Scottish motor-cars on the market.

And Mr. John Wallace, M.P. for Dunfermline Burghs, and a former Parliamentary Secretary to the Paymaster General, declares that he looks in vain for any new industries of first-class importance being introduced into Scotland.

Yet another Scotsman pointed out that, whereas Scots invade every profession and occupation in England, practically the only Englishmen who go to Scotland are professional cricketers (about a dozen), excise officers, and brass band conductors.

Mr. John Wallace discussed the future of Scotland with a reporter in the lobby of the House of Commons.

No New Industries

He agreed that of nine British Prime Ministers in the last 50 years, five have been Scots—Lord Rosebery, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. MacDonald.

But Mr. Wallace does not mind Scotland exporting Prime Ministers if she exports industrial products, too.

"We have the population and the raw materials in Scotland," he exclaimed. "Why don't the industries spring up? That is what I want to know."

"As it is the latest Ministry of Labour figures still prove that industry has a Southward trend."

"I understood that orders to the value of £1,000,000 were placed at the last Glasgow Motor Show—but not a penny of that was for a Scottish car!"

Neglected Trade

"Sir Ian Colquhoun, who opened the Show, said the value of the Scottish market to the motor industry was estimated at about £10,000,000 a year. That is a very striking fact."

"No real effort up till now has been made to capture that industry or to secure a part of that industry for Scotland, as far as I am aware, during the last twenty years."

"Yet there is no finer workman in the world than the Scottish workman, and there are no better engineers than the Scottish engineers."

"What can be done?"

"It is my view that a sound commercial proposition there is available capital. Money is cheap to-day, and looks as if it will remain at a low price for many years."

"The banks have so much money that they cannot make an effective use of it and in that direction alone, there are surely possibilities which are worthy of being explored."

"I only wish some strong and authoritative voice could also be heard on the question of aviation, both for civil and military purposes. There cannot be a doubt about the immediate development of aviation as a great industry, and with the reservoir in Scotland of engineering ability and enterprise, there should be no doubt about Scotland's participation in both the motor and aviation industries. For employment that would be invaluable."

"Why do Scotsmen almost automatically migrate to the South and the Midlands and other places?"

My answer is that that may be accounted for in several ways—but I am perfectly certain the drift can be arrested, not on grounds of sentiment but by using the facilities which exist in Scotland, from nearly every point of view, for national industrial development.

"There is still a very considerable field in Scotland for individual advancement and promotion, and I don't think the reason for migrating is always that more money can be made elsewhere."

"Broadly, I feel there ought to be more rapid adaption in Scotland to the rapidly changing conditions in industry which have taken place since the war."

Wireless is another industry in which Mr. Wallace feels Scotland could play its part.

Now the question is—what will Scotland do about it? Will more Scotsmen stay at home—or will they still insist on catching the next train South?

IN RECOGNITION OF GALLANTRY

Crew Of Schooner Rescued

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

A gold watch and chain is now on its way to the American Ambassador for presentation to Mr. Robert Somerset.

This is in recognition of an act of gallantry and skill for which he has already received the unusual distinction of the Blue Water Medal of the American Cruising Club.

Two years ago Mr. Somerset, who is one of the most efficient amateur yachtsmen living, rescued the crew of a schooner which had caught fire in the Long Island-Bermuda race.

Splendid Seamanship

An American friend who was present tells me that Mr. Somerset's seamanship and helmanship were extraordinary, and it was solely due to his personal skill that the yacht he was handling was able to render assistance under most difficult conditions.

Mr. Somerset, who is in his middle thirties, is the eldest son of Capt. Henry Somerset, Somerset,

DANCING-MOTHER GAOLED

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

A young mother who went out dancing and left her children at home was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at Rochester.

Mrs. Elsie Ruth White, aged 28, of Haythorn-road, Temple Park, Epsom, Surrey, was summoned for neglecting her three-year-old son and 18-months-old daughter.

Inspector Cook, of the N.S.P.C.C., said that he saw the two children in a perambulator being attended by neighbours at 11 p.m. on November 13.

They were inadequately clothed. The mother afterwards admitted she had been out twice at night that week, returning until 2 a.m. In the previous week she twice attended dances, and on one of those occasions paid a woman 2s. 6d. to look after the children.

A doctor said the children's health was endangered by the neglect.

It was stated that Mrs. White's husband was a sailor serving on the China station.

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Both he and his father are members of the Royal Yacht Squadron.

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The Harbour Master has issued a notice to mariners to the effect that the master of the British steamer, the Wing Lee reported having sighted several heavy floating fish stakes, while he was on his voyage to this port.

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DEMONSTRATION OF AFFECTION

Royal Couple Given Great Ovation

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

A remarkable demonstration of affection for the young couple delayed the royal wedding breakfast at Buckingham Palace.

An enormous crowd, increasing every minute, filled the great square in front of the Palace, and every eye was fixed on the balcony above the main entrance, on which scarlet and gold hangings had been arranged.

Then two officials in scarlet and gold came on to the balcony carrying chairs.

A minute later the slender figure of the bride, in her white wedding gown, and holding her husband's hand stepped into view.

Carrying Lilies

She was carrying a large sheaf of lilies, and she waved to the people with her lace handkerchief.

At once the crowd was turned into a sea of waving handkerchiefs and flags, and gusts of cheers were heard.

The Duke, standing beside his wife, also waved.

Next the King and Queen came on to the balcony and stood one on each side of the Duke and Duchess.

Behind the King and Queen was Brigadier Sir Hill Child, Deputy Master of the Household, holding in his arms the tiny figure of Princess Margaret Rose.

Crowd Not Content

Princess Elizabeth, Lady Iris Mountbatten, and Lady Mary Cambridge, the three child bridesmaids, were given places at the front of the balcony.

Still cheering went on, and for several minutes the Duke and Duchess stood there waving to the tremendous throng below.

The ceaseless cheering grew louder than ever when the Princess Royal appeared and, stepping forward, warmly kissed her new sister-in-law.

For a few more moments the Duke and Duchess stood there waving, and then the royal party went back into the Palace. But the crowd was not satisfied. The cheers went on.

Then the King appeared at the open French windows, with the Queen behind him. They walked forward on to the balcony, and the cheering grew louder once more.

A Helping Hand

The King stood bareheaded, smiling and waving down to the crowd. The Duke and Duchess of York stood in the open window behind their Majesties.

Finally the King bent down and picked up his youngest granddaughter, Princess Margaret Rose.

She could not see over the red drapings of the balcony until the King lifted her up and held her in his arms.

The little Princess was delighted, and waved her tiny hand again and again to the crowd while the King beamed affectionately down at her and them.

The remarkable demonstration went on for several minutes. Then the King put down his granddaughter, and went back into the Palace with the Queen.

For a long time after the royal party had disappeared into the Palace the cheering went on.



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London, Dec. 5.

There is every prospect that 1934 will provide a favourable record as to R.A.F. accidents.

So far this year, and there are only three weeks more to run, there have been 19 accidents with fatal results, with a death-roll of 29.

It is necessary to go back to 1921 for a figure equally low. In that year 22 accidents resulted in 37 deaths, but then there were only 33 squadrons as against this year's strength of 82 squadrons, so that the 1934 record is very much better than the previous best.

The blackest year was 1928, when, with a strength of 81 squadrons, there were 54 accidents with a death-roll of 85. Since then there has been improvement, but figures have fluctuated.

Thus, in 1929, there were 50 accidents with 46 deaths; in 1930, 41 accidents with 44 deaths, and last year 34 accidents with 54 deaths.

Increased Speed

Since 1921 Air Force speed may be said to have increased fully 50 per cent.

It is impossible to assign the diminished rate of casualties definitely to specific causes, but during the past few years the quality of the training has steadily improved, and there has been almost complete re-equipment with modern types accompanied by a more general use of metal construction.

Not only has the strength of the Force increased since 1921 (although almost stationary for the last four years), but the amount of flying has much increased and continues to increase.

The improvement in R.A.F. accidents in the present year is the more significant, in view of the great amount of flying carried out in the Air Force's modern conditions approaching those of ac-

"GLASS" FROM COAL TAR

"Unbreakable and Elastic"

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has been experimenting for some time now with a new plastic material, or synthetic resin, made from black coal-tar, which is as clear and transparent as glass, half as heavy, and apparently quite unbreakable. Articles made from this product are now on view at the Cardiff Engineering Exhibition, and these seem to bear out the claim that the material is the nearest approach to glass in transparency that has yet been produced. It is also more "elastic" than glass.

The objects made of this new material that are on view at present at the Cardiff Exhibition, include candlesticks, powder and tinck boxes, salt cellars, and trays all made by Lady Gertrude Crawford and Mr. A. L. Heighington, of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, two of the most talented amateur turners in Britain. They have been made on an ornamental lathe, employing complicated "chuck" and have been designed to show utility and beauty of form. The Queen has accepted some examples of the work.

In addition to the wares made from this new substance, there are also on view at the exhibition articles turned out by the craftsmen from an analogous material, also recently produced experimentally by Imperial Chemical Industries. This is also a glass-like substance with an identical refractive index to glass, made from coal, but in quite a different way from that discovered by the department.

It is remarkable that in one year the annual Air Defence Expenditure has not been reduced by a single serious accident.

LONDON NOTES

By The Air Mail

(Special Air-Mail Service).

London, Dec. 5. For the present generation it is difficult to believe that Sir Arthur Pinero was our leading English playwright when Mr. Bernard Shaw, his junior by less than a year, was still a music critic.

In the 'nineties, indeed, "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and "The Gay Lord Quex" placed him upon a pinnacle which no dramatist had occupied since Sheridan.

He was never really accepted by the intellectuals, and though he continued to entertain Edwardian theatre-goers they were not thrilled in the same way as their Victorian predecessors.

Long before his death he seemed to belong rather to the history of the drama than to the contemporary theatre.

A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE

Mr. Richard Law, who has made another of his interesting speeches in the House, always reminds older members of his father, the late Mr. Bonar Law.

Although the son's slow and deliberate method of speech is not at all like the flowing, business-like oratory of his father, the physical resemblance is strongly marked.

He is the member for South-West Hull, and he has made himself the special friend and spokesman of the trawling industry.

His speeches are always well received in the House, even when they are critical of the Government.

His last speech brought him a compliment from Mr. Baldwin.

MR. BALDWIN AT ASHRIDGE

This year's "old boys" day at Ashridge is to be an event of major importance in the short life of the Bonar Law College.

It is being held next Saturday, and owing to the numbers attending, sleeping accommodation has had to be secured even in the surrounding towns and villages.

The reason is that Mr. Baldwin, who will be the guest of honour, is to be presented as chairman of the governing body with a portrait of the principal.

Sir Reginald Hoskins has presided over the fortunes of the college for the last five years.

The list of members of the Ashridge Fellowship Reunion who have contributed to the presentation is an impressive tribute to his popularity among Conservative workers from all areas.

"NEVER TELL"

Abraham Haywood tells a very characteristic story of Lord Melbourne at Brockton.

Going there on Melbourne's invitation, he was shown into the library. As he entered the room a lady left it, and Melbourne, rising from his chair at his writing table, put away his cheque-book in a drawer.

"Hayward," he said, "it is a fine thing to have £10,000 at the bank." To this Hayward, briskly assented.

"But it's a damned bad thing," Melbourne continued, "to let a woman know it."

MADE TO MEASURE

It is not often that Sir James Barrie is to be seen at a film studio. This week he paid a surprise visit to Elstree to see Miss Elisabeth Bergner at work in "Escape Me Never," arriving in time to see her film marriage.

Sir James and Miss Bergner are close friends. His admiration for her talent is sufficiently attested by his emergence from retirement to write a play for her.

This, incidentally, is a reminder of the days when leading authors wrote for particular players more regularly than they do now.

A BACHELOR ON MARRIAGE

MPS had a good laugh in the House of Commons the other night at the expense of Sir Robert Horne.

The ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer made a spirited defence of the achievements of capitalism. In replying to one of the arguments of a Socialist Front Bench orator he proceeded to illustrate his point by saying: "We all believe in the institution of marriage."

As Sir Robert Horne is a bachelor this tickled the House, and Mr. Will Thorne poked genial fun at him.

Sir Philip Sassoon is another distinguished bachelor in the House of Commons.

In the Lords a bachelor sits on the Woolsack in the person of the Lord Chancellor.

Not far from him in the House there may often be seen another

eminent bachelor, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"INS" AND "OUTS"

The 1934 edition of the famous American "Social Register" has just appeared.

It was interesting to see that among this year's "Outs" in the new volume are Mrs. Madeleine Force Astor Dick Piermonte, the widow of Col. J. J. Astor, who married the heavyweight boxer, Enzo Piermonte; Miss Kay Francis, the film actress; Mr. Joseph W. Harriman, the banker, who is now in prison, and Mr. Francis Hitchcock, a member of the famous polo-playing family.

Mr. Elliot Roosevelt, the President's second son, who has been divorced, and his second wife, have been left out. Mrs. Dall, the President's daughter, who obtained a divorce, is left in.

A TRIBUTE OF LOVE

The Dean of Durham's "Lionel Ford," which has just appeared, is a tribute of love. They were assistant masters together at Eton. The friendship they formed then was cemented when Dr. Allington became Head Master of Eton and Dr. Ford Headmaster of Harrow.

Dr. Allington quotes a delightful story of Dr. Ford's engaging simplicity, told by one of his Harrow colleagues.

The two shared a lawn-mower, but the arrangement did not work, and they decided to toss for who should keep it and receive back his share of the money paid for it.

Each of us wanted the new one of an improved pattern. I tossed. He called "Heads." The coin came down "Tails."

"Oh, Digby," he said, almost before the coin came to rest, "I meant 'Tails,' and then he added, 'Oh, but I saw it!'"

COL. PERCEVITCH

Col. Percevitich, the Croat leader who has been released after his arrest for his alleged connection with the Marseilles murders, has lived quietly in Vienna for many years.

He is the leader of the Imperial Croats, a Right-Wing group which would like to see Croatia part of a triune kingdom with Hungary and Austria under the rule of the Archduke Otto.

This plan is interesting in that it is very similar to the one favoured by the Archduke Francis Ferdinand shortly before he was assassinated.

Col. Percevitich's devotion to the house of Habsburg dates from the time when as a young Croat aristocrat he entered the crack Austro-Hungarian cavalry regiment in which he distinguished himself during the war.

DEDUCTION

Lord Baden-Powell tells an amusing story in his "Adventures and Accidents," which appears today, of his narrow escape from capture in a foreign dockyard.

He discreetly conceals both the place and the time.

WOMAN AIR ACE KILLED

General Pins Cross On Her Breast

(Special Air-Mail Service)

Paris, Dec. 5. Mlle. Helene Boucher, holder of the world's airspeed record for women, lost her life last week in an aeroplane accident near Versailles. When flying at a height of 2500 ft. the plane she was piloting developed engine trouble and crashed among the trees in the forest of Volsin-le-Bretonneux.

Mlle. Boucher was picked up in a desperate condition and removed to Versailles hospital where she died shortly after her arrival.

Mlle. Boucher, who was only 26 years old, was considered the most brilliant French woman pilot. She was well known in English flying circles. Last year she attempted a solo flight to French Indo-China, but was forced to turn back after a breakdown at Baghdad. Shortly afterwards she gained the women's altitude record.

In August this year, she established six new flying records at Istres aerodrome, near Marseilles. The most important of these was the women's speed record which she raised to 276 miles an hour.

Gen. Denain, the Air Minister, bowed before her body in hospital and planned on her breast the cross of the Legion of Honour. Several of France's air aces also went to the hospital to pay their last respects.

When the news was broken to the dead girl's mother she went into the mortuary chamber and was left alone in her grief holding her lifeless daughter in her arms.

The illustration accompanying this particular adventure, however, shows the policeman in pursuit of him as being of unmistakably Teutonic appearance.

Lord Baden-Powell himself is revealed as he might have looked some 30 years ago. Even those who have never been Boy Scouts may deduce a certain conclusion from this evidence.

I reproduce Lord Baden-Powell's own drawing of Jokio Boy, once Lord High Executioner in Embekelwane.

When "B-P." asked him how many men he had killed he grinned and replied: "How many locusts are there in a flight?"

NOT POMP NOR POWER

In composing his own epitaph Cardinal Gasparri, whose funeral is to-day, was following the example of his famous predecessor.

Cardinal Merry del Val directed in his will that on his tomb should be written "only my name and these words: 'Da mihi animas, coeterna tolle, the aspiration of my whole life.'"

He lies beneath a plain and massive sarcophagus of onyx, bearing the epitaph he desired. This might be translated, "Grant me souls, take away all else."

It is not generally known, I think, that the ambition of Merry

SOME CURIOUS DOCUMENTS

Trip To London For 10½d. In 1357

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. For the first time in the history of Oxford some of the chief treasures from the Archives were on view last month for three days, in the picture gallery of the Bodleian, in commemoration of the tercentenary of the appointment of Brian Twyne as the first Keeper of the Archives of the University.

This belated honouring of the memory of one of Oxford's most devoted sons would not have come to pass but for the attention directed to him by the work of the present Keeper of the Archives, Mr. Strickland Gibson, Sub-librarian of the Bodleian.

Twyne published the first history of the University, now of little value, but his monumental manuscript collections relating to the University and the City have been the common quarry of Oxford historians since the time of Anthony Wood, whose great history would never have been written without their aid.

To his unwearied and disinterested labours the University of Oxford largely owes the Laudian code of Statutes, the foundation of its present constitution; as well as the great charter of Charles I., the most ample grant of privileges it ever received. For his loyal help Twyne was in 1634 appointed first Keeper of the Archives, which office he held until his death in 1644.

"Bed Id., Meals 3d."

The University account book of 1357-8 which is exhibited in the earliest account book in the possession of the University. It records the expenses of John de Burton, who made four journeys to London on University business.

To London, via Tetworth (Teddlesworth), Wycombe, Uxbridge (Wokebridge), and Acton was a two days' journey, the end of the first stage being Uxbridge.

His bill at Uxbridge was: Bread 1d., Ale 1d., Meals 3d., Bed 1d., Candles 1d., Hay 1d., Fodder 1d., Fuel 1d.

Few exhibits will attract more attention than the original procuratorial cycle of 1622. The two procurators were elected annually in Convocation, but the elections having become tumultuous, the method was changed by an ordinance of King Charles I., and from 1629 the choice was made within the several colleges according to a cycle of 23 years, which lasted through ten revolutions.

The tercentenary of Twyne's appointment was commemorated by a luncheon at Corpus Christi, of which College Brian Twyne was a member, and by a lecture in the Examination Schools by Mr. Gibson.

del Val, who spent his boyhood in England, was the charge of a large and poor parish. He studied at Rome with the intention of returning to London.

THE YULETIDE ACTIVITIES

Brisk Business At The Stores

Christmas is here with us again and everybody's mind is turned towards the various functions and entertainments that are being provided by many centres.

Sales in the various stores are reported to be going very well despite the cry of "depression," although the marks of the more prosperous years are as yet untouched.

The shop windows have been attracting large crowds of onlookers with toys and other articles so closely associated with the Yuletide. Inside the stores themselves the kiddies have found replicas of veritable "Wonderland." Thousands of people thronged the shops during the week-end and yesterday to make their last minute purchases.

AT THE HOTELS

Repulse Bay Hotel reports that bookings are coming in quite heavily for New Year's Eve when Yola and Paul, famed continental dancers will delight with their extensive repertoire.

The Hong Kong and The Peninsula Hotels are said to be filling up with reservations also, and with the added attractions of The Six "Hollywood Blondes" and Andrew and Ursula. It will go without saying that the functions at these Hotels will be unqualified successes.

SERVICE FUNCTIONS

The China Fleet Club are providing the usual Christmas fare, and the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute are inviting members of the China Fleet on Christmas night to a real Christmas dinner.

The Dockyard Recreation Club are holding a Christmas Tree and concert on January 10, to which every dockyard kiddie and grown-up has been invited.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Home are not this year providing the usual Christmas Dinner, but in its place a concert and light Christmas supper will be available on Christmas Day.

CHEER-O CLUB NOVELTY

The Cheer-O Club have arranged for a real novelty and an outstanding idea in entertainment. For a nominal price, members of the Services will be admitted to the 5.10 p.m. showing of "Treasure Island." Robert Louis Stevenson's celebrated pirate adventure story, which has commenced its run at the Queen's Theatre. Following this a Christmas Dinner will be given at the Cheer-O Club, after which the Committee have arranged a well varied concert, the details of which are not yet to hand.

The Cinema Houses are all putting on special attractions which will no doubt will attract good patronage.

LATE FERRIES

In connection with the late functions special arrangements have been made in the matter of transportation by the Star Ferry and Yaumati Ferry for the convenience of the public.

To-night the Star Ferry will cross every 15 minutes between 1.30 a.m. and 3.30 a.m. from Hong Kong, and from Kowloon every 15 minutes between 1.15 a.m. and 3.15 a.m.

The Yaumati Ferry will leave Hong Kong and the mainland every 20 minutes between 12.20 a.m. and 2 a.m.

THE KING AND COUNT METTERNICH

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. Count Metternich's later life was tragic. Never a rich man, he was very parsimonious. During his ambassadorship here he invested his savings with Sir Ernest Cassel.

When the war came his English investments were sequestered, and although he eventually received something back he became poorer than ever.

He came back quietly to England three years ago, and stayed at a little hotel in Baywater. The King, learning that he was in London, invited him to luncheon. Metternich, who had never been known to entertain, was so pleased that the same evening he gave a sumptuous dinner party.

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WHERE THE NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES ARE TO TAKE PLACE

In Carmichael-Park, great preparations are under way for the next Olympic Winter Games. The construction of the ski stadium is well advanced, and the jumping hill near the "Guthrie" cause, particularly expeditious and efficient. The material has first to be transported by carrying animals and on the last stretch it has to be carried by the labourers themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. H. F. Shackleton and Miss Adams.—The engagement is announced between Hugh Frederick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Shackleton, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Irene Anne ("Bunny"), only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Adams, of Penang, Straits Settlements.

MARRIAGE

HARRISON: DE HAVILLAND.—On Saturday, Dec. 1, 1934, at All Saints Church, Malabar Hill, Bombay, A. N. J. Harrison, B.B. and C.I. Railway, son of the late J. H. Harrison, I.C.S., and Mrs. Harrison, of Bath, Somerset, to Frances Mary (Amber) de Havilland, formerly the wife of Piers de Havilland, Guernsey, Channel Islands, and daughter of the late Roland Mawson and the late Mrs. Harris, widow of Major-General James T. Harris (China Jim).

DEATH

KENNETH.—On November 11, 1934, at St. Anthony Hospital, Cheam, Surrey, England, Janet Margaret, the widow of the late Herbert William Kenneth and beloved mother of Laurence J. Knudsen, of Shanghai.

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SOME CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS!

Together with the general public, newspapermen will suspend work to-day and for once join in the festivities of the occasion without having to trouble about "what comes after." To many the respite afforded by Christmas and Boxing Day means little or nothing. They are those who lead a life of ease and leisure. To a great number of others however, two days' rest from the toil and turmoil of routine is a luxury seldom encountered during the year. On this day of days, when one's thoughts are taken away from the humdrum of business, it may perhaps be appropriate to give a fleeting consideration to the many little things which, divorced from the business aspect, the year 1934 has given us, for which we should be truly grateful.

The cause of Christianity has undoubtedly been strengthened by the observations in connection with the centenary of Robert Morrison which fell due this year. The work of that pioneer in China is now better known to many of us and his service in the cause of Christianity will no doubt serve as an inspiration to the growing generation.

The Colony had not had the misfortune of a "dry" summer, with its attendant hardships. The work of construction of the reservoir at Shing Mun, which it is hoped, will remove the water problem from our midst, has proceeded without interruption.

The year also has been comparatively free from serious epidemics, thanks to the work of the medical officers in our midst and to the spread of education.

Despite adverse business conditions, it is gratifying to be able to record that the many charitable organizations in the Colony have not had to suffer unduly and the many "drives" held during the year on behalf of various causes proved the generosity of the local community, who are never found wanting in a charitable cause.

In all directions, there are visible signs of progress in the Colony. Many new buildings have been added during the year and notwithstanding the cloud of depression over the business world, there is good reason to be optimistic as to the Colony's future and to take courage from the progress that is being registered here in the face of financial handicaps.

Though the observation of Christmas in Hong Kong is so very different in character to the festivities at home, yet the spirit of the occasion is exactly the same. "Peace on earth and goodwill to men" has its same significance here as in any other part of the world. Though the time-honoured rule "do as you would be done by" is not always followed, yet the weather is not bleak and wintry; though the snow does not lie thick at our doors yet we in Hong Kong join with the rest of the

OBITUARY

Brigadier-General Dalrymple Bruce

London, Dec. 24. Commissioner of the International Police at Shanghai and in command of the defence forces during the Chinese Rebellion shortly preceding the Great War, Brigadier-General Clarence Dalrymple Bruce, C.B.E., F.R.G.S., who was born in North Berwick, Scotland, in 1862, has passed away.

Educated at Haileybury College and passing through Sandhurst College, he started his Army career in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1882, serving in India from 1883 to 1889 as A.D.C. Sarband Division to the late General David MacFarlan, and on the staff of Lord (then Sir Francis) Grenfell, in Cairo, during the Atbara Campaign.

He raised with General Sir Hamilton Bower, the Chinese Regiment at Wei Hai Wei in 1898 and afterwards commanded same for six years. He was dangerously wounded in the fighting round Tientsin in 1900 for the relief of Peking.

His other appointments were as Commissioner of the International Police at Shanghai in 1907-14; in command of the defence forces during the Chinese Revolution of 1911 and 1913; resigned on appointment as Adviser in Police Affairs to the Chinese Government; commanded 27th Brigade of 9th (Scottish) Division, 1915.

He has travelled extensively and was the author of several publications, including a History of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1st and 2nd Battalions, The Essex Foxhounds, etc.—
Reuter.

Vice-Admiral Glossop

London, Dec. 23. The destruction of the German cruiser Emden in the early days of the Great War is recalled by the death of Vice-Admiral J. C. T. Glossop, C.B., who commanded H.M.S. Sydney, the light cruiser which brought the Emden's career to an end.

It was on November 9, 1914, that the Sydney drove the Emden ashore on Cocos Island. During her career, the Emden captured no fewer than seventeen British merchant ships valued at approximately £2,000,000.

Vice-Admiral Glossop, whose death occurred to-day, was 61 years of age. He was a midshipman on H.M.S. Calloppe at Samoa in 1889, and ten years later was a Lieutenant on H.M.S. Royalist during the Samoan troubles of 1899.

For his services in the war, he was given the C.B. decoration, as well as the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun (Third Class) and the order of Officer of the Legion of Honour. He retired in 1921, and was made Vice-Admiral in 1926.—
Reuter.

SKI-ING AT 84 M.P.H.

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. The Oxford and Cambridge ski races are to be held this year at Klosters from Dec. 23-27, instead of, as last year, in Italy.

The exact course has not yet been fixed, but it is certain to be on the famous Parsenn ski fields, which constitute the finest course in Europe.

The teams start practice on Dec. 10. They will need to be in good training, for the Parsenn is 10 miles long, and modern ski-racing becomes more and more strenuous.

The highest speed ever electrically recorded on skis was 84 miles per hour on "the Flying Kilometre." The average speed for men in the greatest international races, the F.I.S. and Arlberg-Kapadach, which will be held at Murren this year, is 40 miles per hour.

This average is maintained over all the unevennesses of a mountain side, the course including several sharp turns. The only "shock absorbers" are the leg muscles of the racers.

world in rejoicing on the occasion, and whatever the future may hold in store for us, we shall not be denied a Merry Christmas. The considerations of business, politics and economics are cast aside for the time being and the spirit of Christmas rules supreme! We wish a Merry Christmas to all our readers.

SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR

Plight Of British Shipyards Since The Slump

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. There is a serious and increasing concern among those in touch with some of Britain's leading industries at the dearth of skilled labour among the workers in them, which is slowly becoming more and more obvious. From its peculiar position there is no better example of this alarming lack than in the shipbuilding industry. It may seem anomalous to talk of a lack of skilled labour in connection with an industry which nearly 50 per cent. of workers are out of employment; but, nevertheless, the anomaly is there, and if things continue as they are to-day the position is likely to grow definitely serious.

The actual percentage of unemployment in the shipbuilding industry is at present 47, and of these men the bulk have not been employed for years. They form what may be called a "hard core" of unemployment; but it must be remembered that a great number of them are, unskilled workers, and it is this fact that largely prevents the seriousness of the position being realised. It must be remembered that during the post-war boom a large number of unskilled and semi-skilled workers came into the industry from outside, and when the boom collapsed it was too late for them to enter other industries. At the same time, those who had come from other districts had married and settled down in their new homes and so become "anchored," always hoping against hope that good times would return and that work would once again be obtained. This hope has not yet been realised, and, although there are small sporadic outbursts of activity, it does not seem likely to be realised for some little time yet.

"Unpopular" Industry
In addition to its effect on unemployment, this factor is an important one on the decrease of skilled labour. The slump in mercantile shipbuilding, added to the frequent changes in policy with regard to warship construction, have made the industry a definitely "unpopular" one among workers. There is no guaranteed

continuity of work, and that is where the lack of skilled labour comes in. In the old days fathers used automatically to apprentice their sons to their own trade. Now they utter dire threats if they even suggest going in for it. When the war broke out, more than nearly 50 per cent. of those who were then apprentices were called up at once with the Territorials. When they came back their lost time was allowed for; but it had to be admitted that inevitably they were not so skilled as if they had carried through their apprenticeship in the ordinary way. Moreover, the best of them, when the boom was over and employment became so fitful, went into analogous industries such as engineering, where the prospects were brighter—and there was a further drainage of skilled labour away from the trade.

Steady Decline

The numbers of skilled workers have steadily declined, and if there were a sudden boom soon it would be difficult to cope with it, since the production of skilled workers takes a long time. When the boom eventually does come this will be realised. If, by any chance, there should be a sudden need for an increase of the fleet, it would be found out before—and greatly to the country's disadvantage, writes an "Observer" correspondent.

Before the war the country could safely rely on the expansion of the mercantile marine to supply a skilled personnel that could at a moment's notice be turned on to the production of warships. The mercantile marine has ceased to expand—it is, in fact, shrinking—and, unhappily that expedient can be used no more. Skilled labour is decreasing steadily and there is now no way of increasing it at a moment's notice, or, for that matter, at very long notice indeed.

Before the war, too, British shipbuilding yards were building many ships for non-shipbuilding nations abroad. Now many of these orders have been lost, and this again affects the recruitment of labour personnel.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Foolish Barriers

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. Lord Ponsonby, who was the principal speaker at the 37th annual general meeting of the Mary Ward Settlement, held on the settlement premises, 36 Tavistock Place, last month, took as his subject, "Some Errors in the Educational System." Lord Kilbracken presided.

Lord Ponsonby said that his views on the subject were those of a layman who, after his own experience and that of his friends, was wondering if something might not be done in the generally education system of the country to give a better chance to the latent human capacity which existed in his fellow countrymen. He went to private school, public school, and university and, looking back, he realized that he had had in all 92 teachers or including the special coach on international law which he had had, 93 teachers. That did not seem a good system, and anything that he knew in the best sense he got from none of his teachers but from his parents.

Children to-day when they went to school were classified by age, or it seemed to him in some cases by size. There was no attempt made to classify them by development or capacity or inclination. One might as well classify them according to hair. No two children were alike or needed the same treatment. What the present system seemed to be doing was to stamp out ideas according to a recognized pattern, and there was nothing which teachers disliked so much as "bright" Originality was troublesome, but it should be encouraged, and kept to-day.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

The Weather Forecast for to-day is:—North East Winds, moderate; cloudy.

A Great Handicap

Speaking of the training of public schools, Lord Ponsonby said he had never felt a greater handicap than the fact that he never learned anything of political economy or industrial history. He had not the remotest conception of local government or how the country was governed and he knew precious little of public finance. If he could have used the years that had been devoted to writing Latin verse and trying to translate Greek prose for the study of those questions he might have been a great deal more use than he was now.

He abominated the present fashion of institutional treatment of children and people who were connected with that system, and believed that in 25 years the home and parents would be appreciated at their true value in the training of children. There was a great tendency when a child went wrong to blame the child; but he blamed the incomprehension of the teacher. Finally he absolutely disapproved of examinations. They were not a test in any conditions whatever.

He would like to see a great Minister of Education come forward, a man who was bent on the development of the mental and spiritual capacities of the British people, and put up a system of education which would open up the possibilities of development and break down some of the foolish non-sensical barriers that existed to-day.

NATIONAL PARK FOR BRITAIN

Acquisition Of Snowdonia

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. The establishment of the first national park for Britain in the mountainous region of North Wales is a proposition to which practical effect may shortly be given.

Mr. Lloyd George is among the prominent people who have interested themselves in a scheme to acquire the whole of Snowdonia for this purpose, and he will assist in calling an early conference of the authorities interested to consider the means necessary to make it possible.

Sir Lawrence Chubb, secretary of the Commons, Open Spaces, and Footpaths Preservation Society, in an interview said: "There is a great conviction that the time has come for an effort to be made to deal with Snowdonia on national park lines. That area is one of those suggested for preservation in the report of the National Park Committee, but up to the present nothing has been done to give effect to that recommendation."

UNWISE DEVELOPMENT

"There is a considerable amount of common land in the mountainous area of North Wales, and the scenic attractions of the district are so great and so widely known that any scheme having for its object the conservation of the whole range between the foot-hills of Caernarvonshire and Bettws-y-Coed would meet with widespread support."

"At a recent conference at Llandberis of societies interested in the preservation of flora and fauna, public rights, and scenery, I suggested that as a preliminary step a conference of all the town-planning authorities of the district should be convened with the object of urging them to take certain steps to prepare a joint scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act."

"This would enable the whole area to be dealt with comprehensively, would secure the preservation of the mountain ranges in their present condition with good means of access for the public use, and would also enable steps to be taken to protect the passes and valleys from unwise development. A single building placed in such a romantic gorge as the Pass of Aberglaslyn would obviously destroy the amenities of that famous resort."

TO CALL CONFERENCE

"A scheme for protecting Snowdonia as a national park should not be an expensive matter, seeing that no valuable sporting rights would have to be extinguished or interfered with."

"Steps will be taken in the near future, with the assistance of Mr. Lloyd George, to convene a conference of the county, town and district council concerned."

Sir Lawrence added that the county councils of Caernarvon and Merioneth would probably call the conference. Mr. Lloyd George had promised to do whatever he could to promote the success of scheme.

PAPAL ARMY'S LAST OFFICER

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. News has been received from Italy to the effect that with the death of the 89-year-old Count Vincenzo Macchi di Cellere, doyen of the Pope's Great Chamberlains of Cape and Sword, the little band of survivors of the old Papal army loses its last officer.

The Count fought against Garibaldi at Mentana in 1867, when the Papal troops won the battle, and also on the famous Sept. 20, 1870, when the Italian Army took Rome and ended the temporal power.

His mother was a member of the Cenci-Bolognelli family, collateral descendants of the beautiful and tragic Beatrice Cenci, the heroine of Shelley's tragedy.

Some years ago Count Macchi gave a valuable collection of Papal relics to the Vatican. The flag which he carried as ensign at the battle of Mentana he gave to the Noble Guards, the corps of Roman Patricians which has formed part of the Pope's household troops since 1870.

LEG THEORY DECISION

Move To Increase Umpire's Pay

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5. The decision of the Advisory County Cricket Committee to throw the burden of stopping fast leg theory bowling on to the shoulders of the umpires has raised an important point as to whether these officials are adequately paid for their job.

A movement is on foot to raise the remuneration granted to umpires.

In recent seasons umpires have been given a number of additional responsibilities. Besides standing in the field for six hours a day they have to be at the ground by eleven o'clock on the first day (half-an-hour before play starts).

On the first two days they must remain at the ground for half-an-hour after close of play, and on the second and third days they are requested to be present at nine o'clock in the morning.

They Control The Matches
It is their duty to supervise all the work done by groundsmen, and to see that the turf is made ready for play as quickly as possible after rain.

In short, the umpires control matches and make the money for the clubs. On their decisions rest whether the public sees any cricket or not.

Yet few of them earn more than £230 a year, out of which they have to pay their own hotel and travelling expenses.

For a match starting on a Wednesday they are paid £10

each and for a match starting on a Saturday they are paid £10 10s. On an average they are allotted 23 matches. One umpire said:

"We would not mind so much if we received our hotel and railway fares by the time I have paid my expenses and sent something home to the wife and family there is nothing to put by for the winter."

Bonus For Test Cricketers

It has also been decided to grant extra pay and a bonus to all the professionals who played in last season's Test matches for England against Australia. Each professional will receive £10 extra for each match in which he took part, and a bonus of £10 per match.

Thus if the 1930 rates of pay for Test matches are maintained, a professional's full remuneration per Test match will be £50 match pay and £10 bonus per match. Match pay in the 1930 Australia tour was £40 and the bonus was the same as for last season.

Bushlade's Bid

Mr. Bushlade, the South African allrounder, who played in two Tests against England in 1930-31, is making a strong bid for inclusion in the South African side which is to tour England next year. Playing for Western Province in the Curry Cup he took 11 wickets for 57 runs in the two innings and scored 61 runs.

In the first innings he took 6 for 24 and in the second 5 for 33.

The deadly bowling of Balaskas proved too much for Eastern Province, who were beaten by an innings and 176 runs. Western Province batted first and scored 300 of which P. Van der Byl scored 80 and Bolashas 61.

Eastern Province were all out for 73 in the first innings and, following on, made 111 in the second.

ART TREASURES

What Scotland Has Gained

(Special Air Mail Service)

Edinburgh, Nov. 30. The aims and achievements of the National Art-Collections Fund (Incorporated under Royal Charter) were dealt with in a lecture given in the National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh, by Mr. D. S. Meldrum, secretary to the fund, which came into being 31 years ago, with the object of raising money with which to secure works of art to enrich the museums and galleries of the British Empire.

Mr. Stanley Cursiter, A.R.S.A., B.S.W., director of the National Gallery of Scotland, introducing the lecturer, said they were greatly indebted to the fund in the National Gallery. The fund had given them several pictures and had helped to buy others. The fund also helped to secure the Monymusk Balquhary for the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland. The National Library of Scotland was also indebted to the fund, which had secured for the nation many treasures which otherwise would have gone across the Atlantic.

Nearly £350,000 Raised
After describing the conditions which existed in 1903, and the depletion of the great private collections by foreign buyers as a result of the great Manchester Exhibition of 1857, and alluding to the fact that, while prices were increasing Government grants to museums were remaining stationary, Mr. Meldrum gave an account of the growth of the society. After 20 years 200 members had been enrolled, and ten years later the membership was 15,000.

Through subscriptions and as a result of special appeals which had from time to time been made for certain pictures and other works of art which were in danger, nearly £350,000 had been raised, and scores of museums and galleries, in both London and Edinburgh, as well as throughout the country, had benefited through the fund.

Reference was made by the lecturer to the many privileges which members of the fund received. These included visits to private collections not open to the public, the fund members having visited great collections in and near London, as well as the royal collections at Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, and Windsor.

Mr. Meldrum referred to some of the famous works of art which had been saved by the fund, and showed slides of some of the principal pictures, particularly those for which special appeals had been made. In connection with one of them, the Holbein "Duchess of Milan," he recounted the sensational story of its eleven-hour acquisition through the generosity of an unknown lady who contributed £240,000, only a short time before the option on the picture expired.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Only one case of Diphtheria was reported to the Health Authorities for the 48 hours ended December 23.

A novel form of Christmas greeting reaches us from Mr. and Mrs. V. Hugo. The greeting card in addition to the photo of the senders contains a picture of Geo. Washington taken from a genuine dollar note of the United States of America. Mr. Hugo is connected

LAST FOREIGN PRINCESS

Princess Alexandra Of Denmark

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Nov. 30. Our more recent royal brides having all been English, one must go back to 1863 for a parallel to the enthusiasm shown at the Duke of Kent's wedding.

On March 7 of that year Princess Alexandra landed in England. She and the future King Edward VII., who had met her at Gravesend, alighted at the Bricklayers' Arms Station in Southwark, then the terminus of the South Eastern Railway.

The police proved totally unable to cope with the crowds. For a time London Bridge was impassable.

In the City the confusion was even worse. At one moment the Princess, leaning from her carriage to extricate the officer of the Life Guards escort, who had been pushed by the crowd against the wheel.

"Looking Like A Rose"
After a four hours' drive the Royal couple reached Paddington. Queen Victoria records their journey's and in her journal: "From quarter to 6, when we heard they had left the Great Western station, we waited with all our daughters, Marie B. (rhyming), and little William (the ex-Kaiser), in my room, our four sons having gone to Slough to meet the train."

I felt very low and nervous. The bells began to ring, and at length in the pouring rain and when it was getting dark the carriages and escort were seen coming. All rushed down excepting myself, Alice, Marie, and the two little children. I went down nearly to the bottom of the staircase, and Bertie appeared leading dear Alice, looking like a rose. It may be explained that the Queen's low spirits were due to the fact that she was still mourning for the Prince Consort.

CHEERFUL OPTIMISM AT CHRISTMAS

Yuletide Expression In Home Press

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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London, Dec. 24. Cheerful optimism characterises the Xmas articles in the papers which complacently stress the facts that the note circulation has increased by ten millions sterling as compared with the same period last year, that the passenger traffic in railways and airways are showing record figures and that the amount of Xmas mails was greatly augmented, and proving conclusively an improvement in the general economic situation. Another fact strongly stressed was the number of orders to shipbuilding yards since last year.

Great satisfaction was also expressed at the consolidation of the internal political situation and the amelioration in the sphere of foreign politics, particular importance being attached in this respect to the conversations between Sir John Simon and M. Laval as indicating complete agreement between France and Great Britain. The denunciation of the Washington Treaty by Japan and the failure of the naval parleys do not in the least disturb the prevailing optimism. The "Daily Telegraph" sums up the general opinion by saying "the past year has brought us forward in every respect."

XMAS BROADCAST

London, Dec. 24. The British Empire broadcasting on Christmas Day commences with the Bells of Bethlehem at 13.55, then the Bells of Bombay, Wellington, Ottawa, Armagh and St. Paul's. This will be followed by greetings of sound pictures depicting Christmas throughout the Empire, including messages by a Canadian lumber jack and a British officer at Khyber Pass.

The King's message to the Empire concludes the programme. All over Europe there will be special Christmas festivities.—*Reuter.*

CROOKS KEEP TRUCE

London, Dec. 23. A gentleman's agreement enables Scotland Yard to practically close on Christmas day. Crooks traditionally keep an unwritten truce, enabling the Yard to release all but twenty-five of its staff of 500. It is true 300 can be on the spot within ten minutes, and it is true that crooks themselves desire to celebrate. But for years past the Yule peace of Scotland Yard has been undisturbed.

AIR DISASTER VICTIMS

Laid To Rest In Baghdad

Baghdad, Dec. 23. Statesmen and comrades of the flying fraternity to-day paid their last respects to the men who died in the Dutch aircraft, Niver recently. The bodies of the eight victims of the big airliner, which crashed in the desert on an attempted flight from Amsterdam to the Dutch Indies and return, were buried in the British cemetery here to-day in the presence of the British Ambassador to Iraq, the foreign minister of that state, members of the diplomatic corps and leading lights of the British community.

The coffins were carried by British airmen, and were laid in a single long grave, which was afterwards covered with a mass of flowers and wreaths. The burial service was conducted by an American clergyman, who is a member of the Dutch Reformed Church.—*Reuter.*

DUTCH REQUEST

The Hague, Dec. 23. The Royal Dutch Airlines have requested the Baghdad authorities to arrange for the bodies of the victims to be transported to Holland for re-burial.—*Reuter.*

This is not the "as" in Warsaw, where the light-fingered folk are not mindful of the old school tradition and do not play the game. They invariably spoil the police Christmas tree party. So, 200 known burglars this year have been clapped in goal for ten days as a precautionary measure. Police are subscribing to provide them with a compensatory Christmas dinner.

LONDON'S POOR

Seven hundred of the poorest of London's men and women will be guests of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, in Whitechapel at a Christmas tea party.

The King inaugurated the function when he was Prince of Wales and has continued it ever since.—*Reuter.*

IN GERMANY

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Berlin, Dec. 23. The traditional preparations for the joyous Xmas festival are absorbing the attention of the entire German people to the exclusion of all political and economic preoccupations. On Sunday evening several big squares in the German Capital were resplendent with brilliantly lit Xmas trees and the distribution of gifts was made to 12,000 poor children who sang beautiful German Xmas carols and for whose benefit tables covered with toys and delicacies of the most varied descriptions have been made ready by willing hands.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

AMERICAN CASUALTIES

New York, Dec. 23. The opening of the Christmas traffic was marked by several accidents. Three people were killed and 14 injured in a train collision at Delaware, Ohio, while three were killed in an aeroplane crash at Wartburg, Tennessee. Four people were killed and five injured in a motor-car collision at Lincoln, Nebraska, while three were killed and five seriously injured in a hotel fire at Carlsbad, New Mexico.—*Reuter.*

XMAS AMNESTY

Vienna, Dec. 23. The Government to-day announced a Christmas amnesty. It announced the release from concentration camps of 6,000 Socialists and Nazis, the former imprisoned since the February uprising and the latter since the rebellion in which the late Chancellor Dr. Dollfuss was murdered.—*Reuter.*

TESTS OF A NEW LOCOMOTIVE

Expected To Beat Record Of Flying Scotsman

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press") (Copyright.)

Berlin, Dec. 23. Tests will be made in the next few weeks of a new steam locomotive, 2C2, which it is confidently expected by its designers to beat by some 10 miles per hour, the 100 miles-an-hour record recently established by the Flying Scotsman on the London-Leeds run. The new engine is a stream-lined locomotive ordered by the German State Railway Company.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

EMIGRES IN THE SAAR POLICE

Removal Urged By Burekel

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Berlin, Dec. 24. In a letter to President Knox of the Saar Governing Commission, Hitler's special commissioner for the Saar, Burekel, emphatically requests the removal of emigres from the ranks of the Saar police. Hitler's commissioner urges speedy action in the matter.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

ZINOVIEFF AND KAMENEV

Examined For Kirov Murder

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Moscow, Dec. 23. The arrest of Zinovieff and Kamenev on December 18 in connection with Kirov's murder was only officially confirmed to-day. So the official communiqué says the investigation furnished no adequate proof of their complicity in the murder, they will be brought before the court. The affair now goes to Special Committee which has to consider the question of Zinovieff and Kamenev's exile. In the same way proceedings are to be taken against the arrested party members Defetov, Savarov, Waldin and Jeddono'ff. Eight other party members, Scharov, Kuklin, Favlavitch, Bafalev, Gorschennin, Bulach, Gertin and Kostina, will, on the other hand, be tried before the court.

The renewed exile of Zinovieff and Kamenev, their impeachment through the Party Press and the proceedings taken against 14 conspirators in Leningrad and 16 in Moscow—all of whom are ex-party members—all these form the most outstanding events in the history of the Communist party of the Soviet Union.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

M. LAVAL TO REST

Entraining To A Quiet Spot

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Paris, Dec. 24. M. Laval, the foreign Minister, will avail himself of the Xmas holidays to have a few days' rest. This morning he will be present at the audience of the new Soviet Ambassador, Potemkin, with the President of the Republic and then entrain to some quiet spot in the country where he intends to stay until Thursday next.

The Chamber adjourned for the Xmas recess after an address by Premier Flandin at which he expressed the hope that in the coming year both in national and international sphere the propelling powers of mankind and forces of international solidarity may triumph over crisis and misery. The Parliament enthusiastically acclaimed the Premier.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

SECRET CARGOES TO FREE STATE

Prof Morgan on De Valera Intentions

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Nov. 30. It is understood that, following the report on them made by Professor Tylstram and Sir William Rothenstein, the famous pre-Raphaelite frescoes in the old library of the Oxford Union may yet be capable of restoration. The frescoes, which represent the "Morte d'Arthur", were the work of a group of young men—including Burne-Jones and William Morris, both then up at Exeter—under Ruskin and Rossetti.

They began in the Long Vacation of 1897 with the utmost zeal. Unfortunately their knowledge was not equal to their enthusiasm.

Although Coventry Patmore described the colours as "so brilliant as to make the walls look like the margin of an illuminated manuscript," they had attempted to paint, in distemper, with no proper preparation on damp walls, newly built.

Ruskin himself said: "The fact is they're all the least bit crazy, and it's very difficult to manage them." Even before the end of 1898 their work had begun to fade.

Restoration, however, says Sir Charles Oman, however, says that in 1891 they were still plainly visible, but by 1906 the "finest

FRENCH ARMY CHIEF

Successor To Weygand

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press") (Copyright.)

Paris, Dec. 23. That General Gamelin will succeed General Weygand as vice-president of the Supreme War Council when the latter retires owing to the age limit, on January 21 is confirmed by "Le Journal" which adds that General Gamelin will retain the post of Chief



GENERAL GAMELIN

of the General Staff thus upholding the precedent established by General Joffre in 1911.

Conforming with the Cabinet's decision of December 11 last, a military committee will be created which will exist alongside the Supreme War Council and will consist of the Premier as chairman, the Ministers of War, Marine and Air, Marshal Petain as well as the Chiefs of the General Staff, the Admiralty Staff, the Air Staff and the General Inspector for Air Defence.

This committee will be competent to decide all questions of national defence, armaments and distribution of forces.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

TO OUR READERS

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas. There will be no issue of the "Daily Press" to-morrow. Publication will be resumed on Thursday.

ARMY FASHIONS

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Nov. 30. The Scots Guards Exhibition, which is to be opened at 39, Grosvenor square, to-morrow will provide an interesting sidelight on past Army fashions.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon is lending an oil painting, done in 1765, of Col. Cosmo Gordon. He is wearing one of the first of the tall fur caps which at that time replaced the "sugar-loaf" type. Ultimately the fur cap evolved into the bearskin of to-day.

There is also a portrait of Major R. L. Lindsay (afterwards Lord Winterton), the first man in the Army to win the V.C. His curiously baggy Volunteer uniform of the 1850's is strangely reminiscent of the German soldier's field grey.

The Scots Guards, incidentally, were originally raised for Ireland. There will be on view the commission issued by Charles I. for the raising of a regiment to protect the Scots living in Ulster.

collective work of the Pre-Raphaelite School" had almost disappeared.

Holman Hunt, therefore, had them all photographed and produced an edition of 300 copies of the bound photographs.

Mr. Gordon Murray, the present President of the Union, says that if Sir William Rothenstein's experimental process succeeds in one way, it will be applied to the whole library.

This was formerly the debating hall in which Gladstone orated as an under-graduate. At the moment it is the gloomiest room imaginable.

If the frescoes can be restored to anything like their pristine freshness they should do much to brighten it.

BROUGHT FOR THE VOTE

Saarlanders From America

Saarbrücken, Dec. 23. In striking contrast to the reception given to foreign troops arriving here to guard against disorders during the Saar plebiscite, an uproarious welcome was given to 350 Saarlanders from North and South America who stepped out upon the railway platform to-day.

They have been brought to their home-country to vote in the plebiscite, the fares and expenses paid in return for a promise to vote for a return of the territory to Germany on January 13.

As they emerged from the station a great cheer arose. Arms were raised in the Nazi salute and the crowd sang the Horstwessel song.

But there were no flags, in accordance with the decree.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET PROFESSORS DISMISSED

(Special to "Hong Kong Daily Press")
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Paris, Dec. 24. Moscow reports received here feature the arrests of a score of Soviet civil servants and the dismissal of ten professors of one of the biggest Soviet universities. The professors are charged with passivity vis-a-vis the alleged counter-revolutionary propaganda by a score of students.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

MORE CHILDREN CAMPAIGN

Rome, Dec. 24. Signor Mussolini, in pursuance of the more children campaign, has distributed four thousand lire to each of ninety-four mothers who have borne nine hundred and ten children since November, 1918.—*Reuter.*

"STAR OF BETHLEHEM HAS DAWNED"

New Star Noted By An Amateur

London, December 24. "The Star of Bethlehem has dawned anew," is the poetic description of a new star in the constellation Hercules noted a fortnight ago by an amateur astronomer in Suffolk. Harvard Observatory records that in the past two days the star has attained unusual brilliance and is now among the twelve brightest.

Its distance from earth is calculated at fifteen hundred light years. Thus the explosion causing sudden brilliance probably coincided with the fall of the Roman Empire.—*Reuter.*

ARMY TO KEEP ALOOF FROM POLITICS

New Law In Austria

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press") (Copyright.)

Vienna, Dec. 23. To keep the Army aloof from politics is the aim of a new law the text of which has just been published and which provides that soldiers may henceforth not belong to any political association. Membership of non-political associations can only be authorized with special permission of competent military authorities. Similar permission may also be required by soldiers wishing to attend public meetings.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

JAPANESE OFFICER ARRESTED

Allegations Of Espionage By Soviet

Moscow, Dec. 23. Reports from Khabarovsk state that Soviet officials have arrested a Japanese officer and his soldier servant on the bank of the River Ussuri, 20 miles south of the town of Iman. The officer is said to have been found photographing while he was

SIR JOHN SIMON'S INVITES

French Statesmen To Visit London

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London, Dec. 24. The "Daily Telegraph" reports from London that Sir John Simon has invited M. Flandin and M. Laval to visit London in the very near future. The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent adds that both Flandin and Laval would willingly accept the invitation, but French circles hold that the Saar issue should be settled prior to the trip. Meanwhile, the Anglo-French negotiations too would have made headway and thus no longer absorb too much attention on the part of Laval. The forthcoming London discussions between the British and French statesmen would, according to British circles, centre around the disarmament issue.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

also stated to have possessed a map of the Sino-Soviet frontier. He said he was looking for a little boy who had fled from a hut on the Chinese side of the frontier across to Russian soil.—*Reuter.*

OVALTINE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Here is a fascinating Competition. Can you successfully complete the words below by supplying the missing letters? There's \$5 in Cash Prizes for those who can. Take the first word, for instance, "Melody," the helpful letter is "M." The complete word is "Melody." Then carry on and complete the list. Each dash represents a letter.

\$75 TO BE WON!

First Prize \$25.00
Second Prize \$15.00
Third Prize \$10.00
5 Consolation Prizes at \$5.00 each.

A SEALED SOLUTION HAS BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE EDITOR, SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST.

MISSING LETTERS COMPETITION.

CUES.	HALF-FINISHED LETTERS.	SOLUTION.
1. Melody	U	TUNE
2. The body of a ship	K	U
3. An eating sore	CA	H - E - R
4. To crack	H	C - P - Y
5. A bouquet	Y	P - S - E
6. To make a sudden sharp noise	O	C - S - E
7. Worth	E	M - E - R
8. Bustle, confusion	CH	- T - ER
9. A burst of anger	U	- F - F
10. A net or covering for the head	O	- L -
11. An awkward fellow	O	- L -
12. A low sound made by certain birds	H	C - E - R
13. To wrinkle	BE	- MFL -
14. To threaten	MC	EN -
15. At no great distance	NE	EA -
16. To make fat	TE	A - - N
17. To strike lightly	P	- A -
18. A narrow street	A	L -
19. To make useless	PI	S - - L
20. Round like a ball	BL	- - - E

RULES

The first prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in an all correct solution, i.e. who has the most words correct. The second prize to the competitor with the next nearest correct solution. The third prize to the competitor with the next nearest correct solution. In the event of more than one competitor having the correct solution, the judges may and the first three prize winners will then be given to those next in order of merit. Then again in the event of a tie, the judges may add all the prize money together and divide it evenly among those with correct solutions.

The Judges: "Ovaltine" Missing Letters Competition, c/o The Advertising & Publicity Bureau, Ltd., HONG KONG.

Entered in my solution of the "Ovaltine" Missing Letters Competition, I agree to accept the judges' decision as final and legally binding.

Name

Address

R. H. K. GOLF CLUB

Starting Times For Fanling

CHRISTMAS DAY—DEC. 25, 1934

Old Course	
9.36 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell and A. D. Humphreys.
9.40	P. Morrison and A. Ritchie.
9.44	A. O. Brown and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.48	D. S. Edward and D. L. Prophet.
9.52	A. T. Lay and J. B. Harrison.
9.56	G. W. Reeve and W. Pittendrigh.
10.00	E. M. Bryden and J. Couthart.
10.04	H. R. Forsyth and W. Keith Robinson.
10.08	J. C. Miller and I. H. Bradford.
10.12	K. W. Jones and C. Austin.
10.16	R. L. Stewart and M. H. Ivy.
10.20	I. H. Geare and K. S. Morrison.

New Course
9.40 a.m. Miss' Curtin and Miss Knill.
* Caddies from Superintendent.

BOXING DAY—DEC. 26, 1934

Old Course	
9.36 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell and K. S. Morrison.
9.40	W. H. B. Riggs and D. Ellis.
9.44	B. D. G. Barlow and G. W. Stabb.
9.48	W. N. A. Smalley and H. Hampton.
9.52	G. T. May and R. O. Webb.
9.56	E. D. Matthews and H. H. Mundy.
10.00	A. Sommerfelt and T. S. Whyte Smith.
10.04	A. D. Humphreys and I. H. Geare.
10.08	E. Lewis and W. Pittendrigh.
10.12	H. N. Williamson and C. Thwaites.
10.16	C. H. Bradley and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.20	J. C. Miller and W. Keith Robinson.
10.24	J. MacKnight and W. S. Hillier.
10.28	C. C. Black and J. C. Taylor.

New Course
9.40 a.m. J. Fleming and G. S. Archbutt.
9.44 a.m. A. Ritchie and W. N. Buyers.
9.52 a.m. E. M. Bryden and M. H. Ivy.
9.56 a.m. J. B. Macdonald and R. L. Stewart.
10.04 a.m. Mrs. MacKnight and Mrs. Hillier.
10.08 a.m. Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. Webb.
* Caddies from Superintendent.

YACHTING

Yesterday's Race

In a race for "A" class yachts yesterday over a course of 6.2 miles, Mrs. Adams steered Tru Blue to win from Gull, with Miss J. C. Mackie at the helm, and Pat (Mrs. E. Elliott).

Course:—(1) Channel Rocks (S), (2) North Mark on Line (S), (3) Kowloon Rock (S), Club Line. Spoons to winners.
"A" Class Started 14.50
Finished Pan.
Gull A 9 18.05.43 2
True Blue A11 18.05.36 1
Pat A12 18.06.10 3
"Gull" sailed by Miss J. C. Mackie.
"True Blue" sailed by Mrs. G. D. Adams.
"Pat" sailed by Mrs. E. Elliott.

DECORATING THE QUEEN MARY

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 6.
Lady Essendon and Lady Bates, the wives of the heads of Furness, Withy and Co. and the Cunard Co. respectively, are not setting a precedent in designing the decorations of the Queen Mary.
From time to time the artistically inclined wives and daughters of the heads of great shipping companies take a hand in designing the decorations of new liners. Miss Elsie Mackay, the late Lord Inchcape's daughter, who lost her life in attempting to fly the Atlantic in 1923, was an example.
She designed part of the interior fittings and decorations of a number of the P. and O. "R" class liners, to which the French, Ra-

LOCAL SOCCER PROGRAMME

Holiday Fixtures

THE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP

The International Charity Cup matches will be played to-morrow, kick off at 3.30 p.m.:
England v. China—at the Hong Kong F. C. Ground.
Referee, Musen, Heath, Linesmen, C. Q. M. S. Hyde and Pte. Stephens.
Wales v. Portugal—at the Kowloon F. C. Ground.
Referee Sgt. Isley, Linesmen, Cpl. Twaites and Mr. London.
The matches will be of ninety minutes' duration.

JUNIOR CHALLENGE SHIELD

The following matches for the Junior Challenge Shield will take place on Sunday December 30, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:
R. Navy v. Eastern Ath.—at the R. N. and R. M. Ground.
Chinese Ath. v. R. E.—at the Hong Kong F. C. Ground.

LEAGUE PROGRAMME

The following League matches have been arranged.
Division II, kick off 2.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
Kowloon F. C. v. R. A.—at the Kowloon F. C. Ground.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.
South China v. R. W. Fusillers—at Caroline Hill.
The following matches have been postponed:
Division II, December 29.
Kowloon F. C. v. Chinese Ath. R.W.F. v. Eastern Ath.
Division II, December 30.
South China v. R. E.

THE HONG KONG CYCLING CLUB

Chinese Territory Visited

The spirit of adventure reigned supreme on Sunday last when a small party of Cycling Club members visited Shum Chun. A warm glorious day provided an excuse for pottering about and it was therefore decided to scour the locality thoroughly. Many strange incidents occurred resulting in the cyclists returning to Hong Kong with wonderful memories of a "fairy story" day in China proper.
To commence activities and to stir up tardy spirits a short time was spent at the "tables." A ramble followed through the villages nestling together and comprising the Shum Chun locality. A native snake-charmer first held attention and a few urchins were part scared, part delighted by the intrepid riders. Temples proved outstanding attractions with their quaint ancient figures and unusual carvings. The cyclists endeavoured to propitiate the gods by burning incense-sticks to them on every possible occasion. Whether the gods were pleased or not is questionable, certainly the "propitiators" of the temples had no cause to rail at the amount of "cunshaw" they extracted. A conversation with a male resident sent thoughts homeward for an instant; he told weird tales of Liverpool and Limehouse from which places he had recently returned.
The den was reached again at 4 p.m. and the various birds and monkey inspected. The decision was made to sit through the Chinese play which had just commenced at the adjoining theatre. Despite the efforts of the "orchestra" with its primitive instruments and far-from-boiled-shirts, to drive the cyclists away, was managed, without great difficulty. There were even rumours that some of the pedalling experts were seen at the Stage Door after the show was over!

Half of them, however, were to be seen taking part in a net-ball game with the Chinese soldiery, evidently on the friendliest of terms, and all most thoroughly enjoying the game. A match may be arranged at some later date. Eventually the party left Shum Chun behind to reach Kowloon shortly before 8 p.m. concluding a very adventurous and happy day's outing.
walspindi, Ranpura and Rajputana belongs.
It is understood that the Queen is taking a keen personal interest in the decorative scheme of the great liner which bears her name.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET

The Army Team

The following team will represent the Army in their matches against the Hong Kong Cricket Club Wednesday, December 28 commencing at 11 a.m. on the H.K.C.C. ground and against the Royal Navy commencing at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 27 also on the H.K.C.C. ground.

Both matches are in the Triangular Tournament:—
Major V. T. Bonavia, R.A.M.C. Capt. L. J. Walch, R.A.S.C. Captain D. B. Mitchell, R.A. Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, R.A. Lieut. J. P. Williams, E. Lancs. Lieut. J. R. Johnson, P.W.F. Lieut. H. de B. Pritchard, R.W.F. Lieut. J. A. N. Rice Evans, R.W.F. C.S.M. K. Elvin, E. Lancs. Corp. P. R. College, R.A.M.C. Corp. D. Ballard, R.A.S.C. 12th Man:—Pte. E. Dewey. Umpire:—W.O. 1 R. Jordan, R.E. Scorer:—L/Cpl. E. H. Meadows, R.A.M.C.

The Club Team

The following have been selected to represent the Club against the Army on the Club Ground on Boxing Day at 10.45 a.m.:
H. Owen Hughes (Captain), T. E. Pearce, G. S. Dunkley, T. A. Pearce, T. M. L. Redmond, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. W. Pote Hunt, H. W. Baines, L. T. Ride G. A. Stewart, E. R. Duckitt.

INTERNATIONAL CUP

To-morrow's Games

(BY "PIVOT")

Portugal's team appears quite formidable on paper. They have the right man for each position but I think U. B. Souza of the Radio should have been given the position between the posts as from his past and recent play he is quite an adept in keeping goal and besides being a polished player, he has a vast experience behind him. I do not know what the Welsh team may be, but I fancy the Portuguese side will have the better of the game.

China is turning out a very strong eleven. With the exception of the centre half and inside left berths which incidentally are to be filled by players from China Athletic, the rest are from South China "A" and they will not have much opposition from the English team although the latter has four Police players.

Portugal and China will in all probability clash in the final.

Chinese Side

China's team is as follows:—Wong Wing, (South China); Lee Tin-wang and Lau Mau (South China); Leung In-chuan (South China); Chui Ah-fai of Lai Kwok-chui (Athletic); and Lee Kwok-wai (South China); Tung Kwai-tung, Tam Kong-pak, Fung Cheung-chung (South China), Chan Chung-wo or Ho Kar-cheung (Athletic) and Ip Pak-wah (South China).

Reserves: Fung King-yu (Athletic), Lee Sak-yau, Cheung Sek-kam, Tay Quay-ling and Lam Tak-po (South China).

English Side

The English team, which was selected yesterday will be as follows: Durham (R.A.); Ash (Lincoln); Pile (Police); Brooks (Police); Pardoe (R.A.) (Capt.); Parker (Police); Kiley (Navy); Stevens (Police); Higgins (Lincoln); Ridley (Lincoln); Wearmouth (Navy).

Reserves: Boyes (Kowloon), Eastman (Kowloon), McQuire (Navy), Woods (East Lancs), Robson (East Lancs), G. White (Kowloon), Elliott (Kowloon).

Portugal v. Wales

Portugal meet Wales at Kowloon and will be represented by the following: E. M. Marques; R. Silva-Netto; S. Souza; N. T. Delgado; N. A. Beltrao; F. J. Elms; B. Gosano; A. Ward; A. V. Gosano; J. Gomes; J. L. S. Alves (Capt.).

Reserves: V. H. Marques; J. P. Victor; J. Goncalves; T. M. Castillo; L. Fernandes and C. Santos.
Kick off, 3.30 p.m.

The Welsh team was not available at the time of going to Press.

GOSSIP FROM THE CAMPS

Items From All Quarters

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.
Hughie Gallacher is taking kindly to his new surroundings. He and his wife are meantime staying with Dave Willis, the Derby County trainer.

Norwich City players are in the eye. Four the Canaries would release are Houghton, Jefferies, Roy and Wharton. This quartette are on offer.

Jasper Kerr, the former Preston North End back, who signed for Lancaster Town this season, has retired from the game. Business claims most of his attention although it is likely he will devote his spare time to scouting.

Burnley, as represented by Jerry Dawson, have been weighing up a lad named Chatburn, who plays for Clitheroe.

Bolton Wanderers are very pleased with the form of David, a Preston inside-right. This up-standing lad played for Preston Grammar School.

Mr. H. N. Mee, the Mansfield referee, had occasion to administer a few words of "comfort" in the Bolton v. Plymouth game and a player's name was taken.

More bad luck for Leeds United. Mills, the right-half and former Port Vale player, sustained a fractured right leg in the match with Leicester City.

Jock Wallace is showing wonderful form in the Blackpool goal. He saved the Seaside's point at Bramall Lane.

The City of Norwich is agog about the visit of the Second Division League leaders this week. The Canaries' victory at Southampton has set the stage for a gigantic battle.

Dougal's penalty miss at Sheffield has given Blackpool players and officials seriously to think. The Seaside's will probably cultivate a specialist for the spot. Dougal is not the only sinner in the camp this season.

The Lucky Goal
When Joe Carter scores for West Bromwich Albion it seems to act as a lucky charm for team. Such was the case at Sunderland, where Carter's only goal paved the way for a couple of valuable points at the expense of the League leaders. Sunderland came near to scoring on several occasions but luck of Joe's goal held out.

One of the most improved players on the books of West Bromwich Albion is Screen, the right-back, who has become a professional recently. Screen went to the Throldes as an amateur last season but injuries to Finch and the illness of Foulkes made it necessary for the management to call on young Screen for the Central League side. Should it become necessary to put him in the first team he will not let the Albion down.

What are Aston Villa to do with Talbot when Allen, for whom they paid a record fee to Portsmouth is fit again? Allen has practically recovered from the accident which has kept him out of the side for many weeks, but Talbot is playing with so much success that there will be an outcry if he is dropped for the ex-Portsmouth player. It will be a pretty problem for the Villa directors to solve. On present form Talbot, who has been largely responsible for the Villa "come-back" must be found a position in the team.

More inquiries have followed the fine performance of Arthur Gale, the West Bromwich Albion centre-forward in scoring five goals in the match against Burnley in the Central League competition. A number of clubs are anxious to obtain the transfer of Gale, who cannot secure a permanent place in the Albion's senior side but it is unlikely that the Manchester school master will be leaving the Hawthorns for the present.

In the Limelight
Wilson Jones, the young Birmingham centre-forward who went from Wroxham a few weeks ago, is fast making a name for himself. It is indeed strange that Jones for two seasons, although a prolific scorer for Wroxham Reserves in the Birmingham League, could not win a position in the Third Division team.

owing to the work of Bamford, and immediately he is transferred he proceeds to rise into higher football than the player who kept him out of the Welsh club's first team.

No club could have a more enthusiastic player than Walter Boyes, the outside-left of West Bromwich Albion, who, in recent games, has had the rare distinction for a winger of scoring two goals in each of four matches. Boyes, who did not win a permanent place in the Albion's first team until October, 1933, is one of those little "good uns" who make up for their lack of inches with pluck in plenty. He seems to have ousted Stanley Wood from his position on the left wing and though Robins, the Welsh International, is now practically recovered, the form which Boyes is displaying will keep him in the first team.

West Bromwich Albion's success in recent matches is largely due to the work of Billy Richardson, who is one of the best centre half-backs the club has ever had on its books. The way he stopped Gurney, Sunderland's sharpshooter, was similar to the manner in which he put paid to the efforts of Hunt of Tottenham, Waring of Aston Villa, and Gallagher of Chelsea, in recent games.

The services of J. Taylor, the centre-forward whose fine work has had a great deal to do with the success of Birmingham Tramps in the F.A. Cup competition have been sought by several first-class clubs in the Midlands. Taylor, who, like Dave Astley, was introduced to the game at Merthyr prefers to play football in his spare time and to remain a tramway worker.

Walsall are giving a trial as centre-forward to W. Evans, who has been figuring with success as a sharpshooter on the extreme left wing. Evans was with Cannock Chase Colliery before signing for Walsall.

Are the critics silenced now? Jack Smith, Newcastle's centre-forward from Huddersfield Town, has scored just eight goals in the last five games. He hasn't missed scoring in any of these and four of the goals have been notched away from home.

Jock Friar, Fort Vale's outside-right, is now the leading scorer in the Hanley ranks. A penalty kick, successfully taken against Hull City, gave him a goal lead over Tommy Nolan, the centre-forward. Jock now has nine to his name.

A goal by Bob McAulay, the Chelsea left-back, helps to make amends for the Scot's previous "errors" in this respect. Four times this season has Bob been debilitated with a goal against his own team.

Inside-left seems to be the troublesome position at Blackburn. In four successive games four different players have been tried. They are McLean, Milne, Benson and Brennan.

Fenton is just a youngster, but he is getting plenty of experience in the Middlesbrough team. He has already shown his paces at outside-right centre-forward and inside-left.

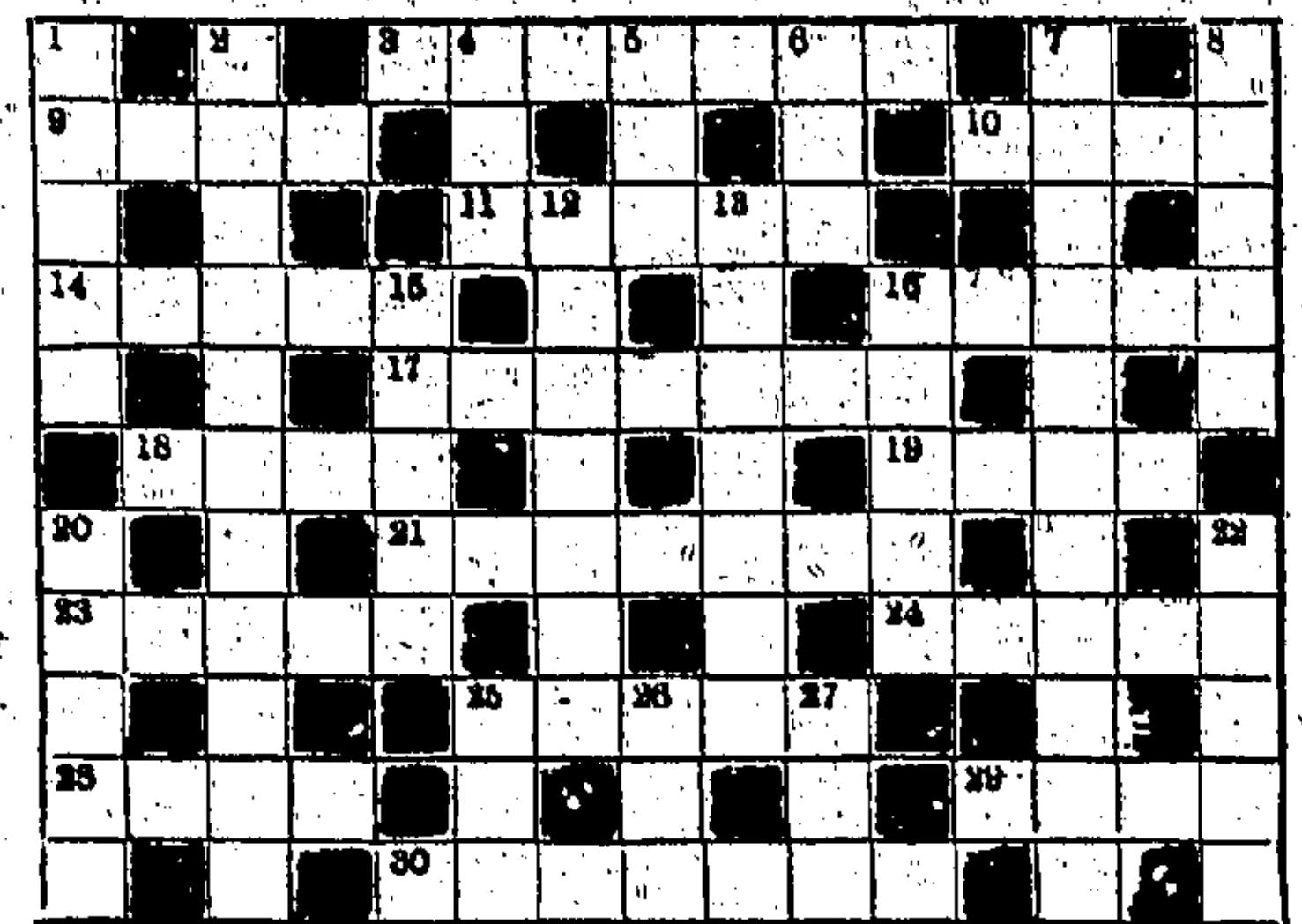
A First Division club is wondering if Johnny Mahon, the Leeds United outside-right, would do them some good.

Experiments
Some clubs are fairly "experimenting" these days. It seems quite the usual thing to select a player for as many as four different positions in the course of a few games. Hubbard of Hull City, provides an instance. The Tigers have played him in both right wing positions, at centre-forward and at outside-left.

The Birmingham players were pleased when they got the news of Boston United's cup win at Darwen. Jimmy Critchley, the Boston player-manager, is the former Birmingham player.

Will Sam Abel leave Queen's Park Rangers? The former Bury, Ayrington, Stanley, Chesterfield and Fulham centre-forward, was mentioned by his club when they were recently negotiating for other players.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Note: Figures in parentheses indicate number of letters in the words required.

ACROSS

- 3.—You'll solve this without delay (7).
- 9.—A screen in churches to admire, from either view-point, nave or choir (4).
- 10.—Was a tower of strength in day of old (4).
- 11.—Hall in England is not the same in Scotland (5).
- 14.—Has a rustic meaning (5).
- 16.—A strong punch (5).
- 17.—Here we may see a mischievous child learning to beg (7).
- 18.—To sing this is always monotonous (4).
- 19.—This is not only little, it's weak (4).
- 21.—A place of rest for travellers (7).
- 23.—Drink this if you want to get fat! (5).
- 24.—The commercial name for crude rubber (5).
- 25.—To begin with, it's not used to take this from pillar to post (5).
- 28.—A species of eagle (4).
- 29.—Behold now this city (Is it not a little one?) (Genesis) (4).
- 30.—Material things for ridiculous people (7).

DOWN

- 1.—Famous Scots who make fine soldiers (5).
- 2.—A conclusive argument Americans use to lodge crooks (11).
- 4.—A covering for the head (3).
- 5.—Having a lot to feed means money (3).
- 6.—A wick won't burn if it isn't this (3).
- 7.—It would be the limit if we had "no train time" (anagram) (11).
- 8.—Worn by a woman, perhaps, before a dress (5).
- 12.—The right repartee to stop fire (7).
- 13.—To talk a lot about oneself (7).
- 15.—This come this go is easily gained and soon lost (5).
- 16.—Fend (5).
- 22.—Practice is essential for all of us over age (5).
- 23.—The little more and how much is it! (5).
- 25.—The sharp point of anything (3).
- 26.—The best place to sound this river is in the middle of it (3).
- 27.—The last clue, which one has to allow! (3).

The following is the solution of yesterday's puzzle:—

Across:—1, Modest; 6, Rubber; 10, Hallbut; 11, Jam Jar; 12, Strand; 13, Respite; 16, Rinse; 17, Rakes; 18, Mimic; 19, Split; 22, Spare; 25, Untwist; 29, Banana; 30, Litter; 31, Imperil; 32, Reduce; 33, Terror.

Down:—1, Major; 2, Demon; 3, Share; 4, Tare; 5, Wisp (of snipe); 6, Rust; 7, Utter; 8, Blank; 9, Rides; 14, Skirt; 15, IIII (eyes); 19, Sober; 20, Lined; 21, Tunic; 22, Stile; 23, Alter; 24, Error; 26, Name; 27, Weed; 28, Silt.

Recent mention here of Kil Wilt mot Coventry City's reserve left-back, has resulted in interest being shown by two First Division clubs. One of these is a London club; the other in the Midlands. Coventry City seem willing to consider a deal. £750 has been mentioned as a likely fee.

A real Potteries welcome awaits the Austrians when they play Stoke City on December 13. Included in "the Potters' arrangements" is the presentation of a loving cup. The gift has been chosen by Mr. A. C. J. Sherwin, the Stoke chairman, and Mr. Tom Mather, the manager. It will be decorated with gold and will be an example of the high quality of design and manufacture of the local craftsmen.

Luton Denial
Many times during the last three weeks there have been rumours that Luton had signed Ralph Birkett, the Arsenal right winger. Mr. Harold Wightman says that there had never been any attempt at negotiation for the player, and they had no intention that way.

It was almost prophetic that so soon after reference had been made to the progress of Tom Smith, the former Rochdale pivot, at left-back, he should be promoted to the Luton first team. Mackey was unable to play owing to a strained muscle, and Smith took full advantage of his chance. He is full of grit and enthusiasm. Must be as fast as any back in the game, and fears naught.

Is it on the cards that Manager David Jack will keep a close eye on C. Drinkwater, the Golders Green left winger who was always a trouble to Southend's defence when he got an opportunity, in spite of the big defeat suffered by the amateurs.

SPALDING
"KRO-FLITE"
GOLF BALL



BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
AMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRETTY WOMEN BARBERS

Attract The Tired Business Men

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, Dec. 23.
Tired business men in Canton have their hair well cut and their faces shaved often. Even their finger nails are well manicured, and their shoes are brightly polished.

There is no mystery as to how they can be so immaculately neat and tidy, for they merely visit the barber shops more frequently than before. Why they often visit the "hair dressing saloons" is not hard to explain, as their hair is cut by pretty women barbers.

For a trivial cost of forty cents, a business man after a tired day's work can go to his favourite female barber to remove the overgrown hair. This price includes shaving, manicuring, shoes polishing, and the charming conversations of the pretty barber.

After a day of strenuous work, the tired business man would find the barber shop a place to spruce up and to repair his shattered nerves. It is also a place of relaxation and entertainment, because these professional ladies know how to keep their customers talking except when shaving between their lips and nose. Such interesting talks make the patron forget all his business worries and lead him to new inspirations.

Most of the business is done in the evenings when the clients have time to cut their hair. Barber shops run by men are bound by the regulations of their union which the women do not join. Managers of Chinese firms simply have no time for hair cut or shave during the day time and find the lady barber more suitable to his leisure.

As a result, all the women barber shops are doing good business, and more such establishments will be opened in the immediate future. Customers have a feeling that their hair is growing more quickly and find these shops a nice place to trim their locks and to pass the spare time in good company.

HOLIDAY RADIO PROGRAMME

(Continued from Page 3)

Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's Songs.

9-9.17 p.m.—Organ Solos.
An Organist's Yuletide—Quentin M. Maclean.

Medley of Old Time Songs (English)—Sydney Gustard.
9-17-9.30 p.m.—A Recital by Danny Malone (Tenor).

1. Sweetheart Darlin' (Kahn).
2. Love's Roses (Brookes).
3. The Dear Little Shamrock (Jackson).
4. She is far from the Land (Hughes).

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.
9.35 p.m.—1 a.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).

1 a.m.—Close Down.

BERLIN PROGRAMME

December 25

9 p.m.—DJA, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.).
German Folk Song.
Programme Forecast (Germ., Engl.).

9.15 p.m.—Christmas Devotional programme.
9.45 p.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.

10 p.m.—Relayed from the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church at Berlin.
The Christmas Oratorio by Johann Sebastian Bach.

11.15 p.m.—News in German on DJA and DJN.
11.30 p.m.—A Hermsdorf Christmas Play.

Reset to an old tradition by Dr. F. K. Rotter.
12.15 a.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.

12.30 p.m.—Close down DJA, DJN (Germ., Engl.).
December 26

9 p.m.—DJA, DJN Announcement (Germ., Engl.).
German Folk Song.
Programme Forecast (Germ., Engl.).

9.15 p.m.—Singing by the Schwarzmeyer Children's Choir.
9.45 p.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.

10 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
11 p.m.—A German Christmas in the Abyssinian Bush.
11.15 p.m.—News in German on

FREE ELECTRIC SUPPLY

To Be Stopped In Canton

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, Dec. 23.
There will be no more free electric supply to government offices, Kuomintang organs and homes of officials, important or otherwise, after December 31. On January 1, 1935, all government and Kuomintang offices must pay for the consumption of electricity at 50 per cent. of the ordinary rate.

According to a ruling of the Electric Power Administration, all government employees, whether they be generals or high civilian officials, must pay the full rate. All their houses must be installed with electric meters, and the readings will be taken regularly.

The Electric Power Administration is suffering heavily owing to the non-payment of electric supply by officials and government offices. When an official moves into a new house or flat, he removes the electric meter and makes direct connection with street wires to his electric lights, fans, radiators and heaters.

To keep out the inspector of meters and collector of electric charges an official usually stamps the big square chop of his office on a piece of paper which is inscribed, "This is official residence. No collectors admitted." If the new ruling is enforced, so much subterfuge will be possible.

SHANGHAI-CANTON AIR SERVICE

Bi-Weekly Service In January

Shanghai, Dec. 24.
According to the vernacular newspapers, beginning from January a regular bi-weekly passenger and air mail service between Canton and Shanghai will be inaugurated.

The planes will depart for Canton every Tuesday and Friday, while the north-bound planes will leave every Sunday and Thursday.

—Reuter.

SHIPPING MOVEMENT

The E. & A. s.s. Maranob left Pt. Stephens for this Port on the 2nd instant at p.m. with the outward Mails, and is due here on the 26th instant at about 6 a.m.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Ixion will arrive from Shanghai on 26th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Naldora left Singapore for this port on the 23rd instant at 6 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 27th instant at about 10 a.m.

H.K. POLICE RESERVES

The Hon. Inspector General of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) with all ranks of the Hong Kong Police Reserve a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C. CHAMPKIN,
Acting, D. S. P. (R.)
Hong Kong, December 24, 1934.

DJA and DJN.
11.30 p.m.—Dance Music by "The White Ravens."

12.15 a.m.—News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
12.30 a.m.—Close down DJA, DJN (Germ., Engl.).

CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Eve, the Chancellor's Deputy Rudolf Hess will address a speech to Germans living abroad. This speech will be broadcast to East Asia on December 25, at 11 p.m. local time.

MANILA PROGRAMME

5 p.m.—Studio Musical Varieties.
5.30 p.m.—President Coolidge Orchestra.

6.10 p.m.—Spanish Informational Period.
6.30 p.m.—English Informational Period.

7 p.m.—All Stars—Jack Parker, Rudy Wiedorf and Harry Brewer.
7.15 p.m.—Tabacalera y Cia. Programme.

7.30 p.m.—Mo and Noah.
7.45 p.m.—D.M.H.M. programme.
8.15 p.m.—Botica Role programme.
8.30 p.m.—Radio Crusaders, conducted by Bernie Nolasco.

8.55 p.m.—Stock quotations.
9 p.m.—Musical Conservatory of Manila.
10.30 p.m.—Sign Off.

PIRATES KILLED IN BATTLE

Munitions Explode

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Eighteen persons, seventeen of whom were pirates, were killed, twenty-six kidnapped persons were released, and eleven other pirates are now in the custody of the Shanghai Public Safety Bureau, as a result of a sharp engagement between the customs preventive cruiser Lien Hsing and a pirate junk outside Woosung on Monday, it was learned yesterday.

The Customs cruiser was patrolling the neighbourhood of Sha Wei Shan Island about noon when the officers on board sighted two suspicious-looking northern junks a little to the northwest of the island.

A boat was lowered from the cruiser, carrying a squad of armed officers, to conduct a search. Nothing incriminating was found on the first junk, but when the Customs officers attempted to approach the second junk, the men on the latter vessel opened fire with rifles.

Without delay, the Customs officers returned the fire and they were soon reinforced by another boat lowered by the cruiser. During the exchange of shots, the pirate junk caught fire and the munitions on board exploded like firecrackers and many persons jumped into the sea. They were rescued by the officers.

One of the killed men was the head of the junk which was captured on Sunday night by the pirates who were well-armed, having in their possession automatic pistols, rifles, etc.

The arrested marauders and released persons were later handed over to the River Police who in turn turned them over to the Public Safety Bureau on Tuesday. The junk was not brought to Shanghai as it caught fire and was destroyed as a result of the engagement.

EPIC OF THE SEA

Desperate Battle In Fierce Storm

London, Nov. 30.

In a fierce autumn gale six Swedish sailors fought a desperate battle for their lives on board a small Swedish motor schooner about half a mile from the lighthouse of Norrskar, in the middle of the Baltic, from dawn until dusk.

Just after daybreak the vessel was thrown on to a sunken rock, and huge waves washed over it continuously.

From the lighthouse, which is also a lifeboat station, the keepers could see the men struggling for their lives. They were unable to help, as the station had no decked boat, and to launch any other meant certain death for its crew.

By means of a gun they attempted to shoot a bawler to the wreck, but failed owing to the strong wind blowing towards them.

The nearest coastguard station, and the pilot district service, were informed by wireless by the lighthouse, and three pilot boats immediately left for the wreck.

Attempt To Build Raft

Meanwhile the keepers of the light had to stand helplessly by watching the schooner gradually break to pieces against the rocks. The men attempted to make a raft by breaking up the deck boards and using barrels from the cargo.

While engaged in this task against overwhelming odds the port side of the schooner was completely smashed and washed away. The position of the six men thus became still more critical.

The lighthouse keepers then made a daring rescue bid by launching an open boat, but it was lifted by the raging seas and dashed ashore.

Almost at the same time a great wall of water crashed against the only part of the schooner visible and smashed it completely.

Hurled off wreck
By a superhuman effort the crew managed to maintain their hold, and, now working up to their waists in water, made a gallant effort to float their raft.

They succeeded, but their victory was only momentary, for they were all hurled off the structure, which within a few seconds more was crushed against the rock.

Darkness was now descending, and just when death appeared certain the lighthouse keepers sighted the first of the pilot boats heading for the wreck. The men were then swimming aimlessly with their life-

U.S. ASIATIC FLEET

Presence Has Steady- ing Effect

Washington.

The continuance of disorders in China makes it necessary to maintain the United States Naval Patrol on the Yangtze River and in south China waters, Admiral William E. Standley, Chief of Naval Operations, reported.

Admiral Standley devoted an important part of his annual report for the year ending June 30, 1934, to the maintenance of the United States Asiatic Fleet and its accomplishments during that period.

"China continues in a state of disruption," he stated, "with internal strife, including communist and bandit activities, engaging the wholesale attention of the Chinese Government forces."

The Naval Operations Chief observed that the frequent disorders along the Yangtze River caused continuance of the United States patrol on the river at all times.

Communist activities in south China and the prevalence of pirates along the coast from Chekiang to Kwangtung has made it necessary to continue American protective operations in that area, Admiral Standley stated. Increased Personnel urged.

Regarding the use of American gunboats and destroyers in south China waters, the Admiral said, "Their timely presence has had a steady effect in these other seaports."

Turning to general naval matters, Admiral Standley emphasized the tactical importance of basing the major fleet units in the same general operating areas as they are now.

An increase in the naval personnel is vital, he reported. Complementments of naval vessels are now below the average required for a minimum of safety. The need for increased strength of enlisted personnel is of the greatest importance at the present time due to the fact that numerous ships now under construction will soon require manning by trained and competent officers and crews.

Admiral Standley's report was made directly to Mr. Claude A. Swanson, Secretary of Navy, who, in turn, submitted it to President Roosevelt and the Naval Affairs Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

GREAT WESLEYAN

Sir Robert Perks

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

Sir Robert Perks, who died recently had claims to fame in three different spheres of life. He was an engineering financier, a Liberal politician, and a leading light of the Wesleyan Methodists.

He was concerned in the building of the Manchester Ship Canal, the Forth Bridge, Barry Docks, the Trans-Andine Railway, and the harbour at Alexandria.

To Londoners of years ago he was best known for his connection with the "Tuppenny Tube."

His partner in this enterprise was an American by the name of Yerkes.

"Perks and Yerkes" were a familiar combination at the beginning of the century.

Sir Robert sat for the Louth Division of Lincolnshire from 1892 to 1910. At the time of the Boer war he was an ardent follower of Lord Rosebery. He founded the Imperial Liberal League to support the war.

This earned him the nickname of "Imperial Perks."

His greatest work for the Wesleyans was the organisation of the Twentieth Century Fund. Out of this the old Westminster Aquarium was purchased and the Central Hall (the Wesleyans' Cathedral) built.

When the boat arrived and took five on board.

This operation was performed with masterly skill, for the pilot boat on more than one occasion came near meeting the same fate as the schooner.

It appeared as though the sixth man had been lost, but after a long search he was also saved. All six were unconscious when they reached hospital, but are expected to recover.

ROGUE ELEPHANT SHOT

Drove Woman Insane

Bangkok, by Mail.

Some parts of Siam do have struggles at times with the wilder forces of nature. The depredations of pigs and deer cause a very real loss to many farmers, requiring constant watching. Tigers take a very appreciable toll of their cattle.

In Trang Province (West Siam), all of these are continually to be thought of but more even than these, the wild elephants cause serious loss. Tales come of men losing a large share of their paddy crop, and wondering how they can exist the next year and begging for help in the matter, almost with tears.

Other animals, and often elephants too, can be driven off by hallooing, beating tins, guns, etc., but again some particular elephant becomes known as vicious and this means not only loss of crops but perhaps of lives as well.

A fortnight ago a local official came into Trang from only ten miles away imploring help. A large vicious elephant, going alone, but perhaps, not a true "rogue," though certainly sufficiently rascally, had been making serious inroads into their crops, paying no attention to hallooing or shooting.

In an adjacent district it had attacked a house, causing the death of a child and driving a woman insane. Here it had chased several people and finally had attacked three houses in one night with tusks and head, the people escaping in terror from the back.

The Governor and Lieut. Governor as well as the People's representative agreed that the matter had gone too far and that the elephant must be shot. So the local foreign doctor, who happens to be a noted Nimrod, went out.

The elephant was first seen as was its custom in a rice field at night; but it seemed as if a day shot might be more effective. The villagers are clever at tracking, and the beast was found in rather close jungle.

A forehead shot turned him the first time and he made off, apparently badly hurt. Another shot in the forehead soon after dropped him with hardly a quiver.



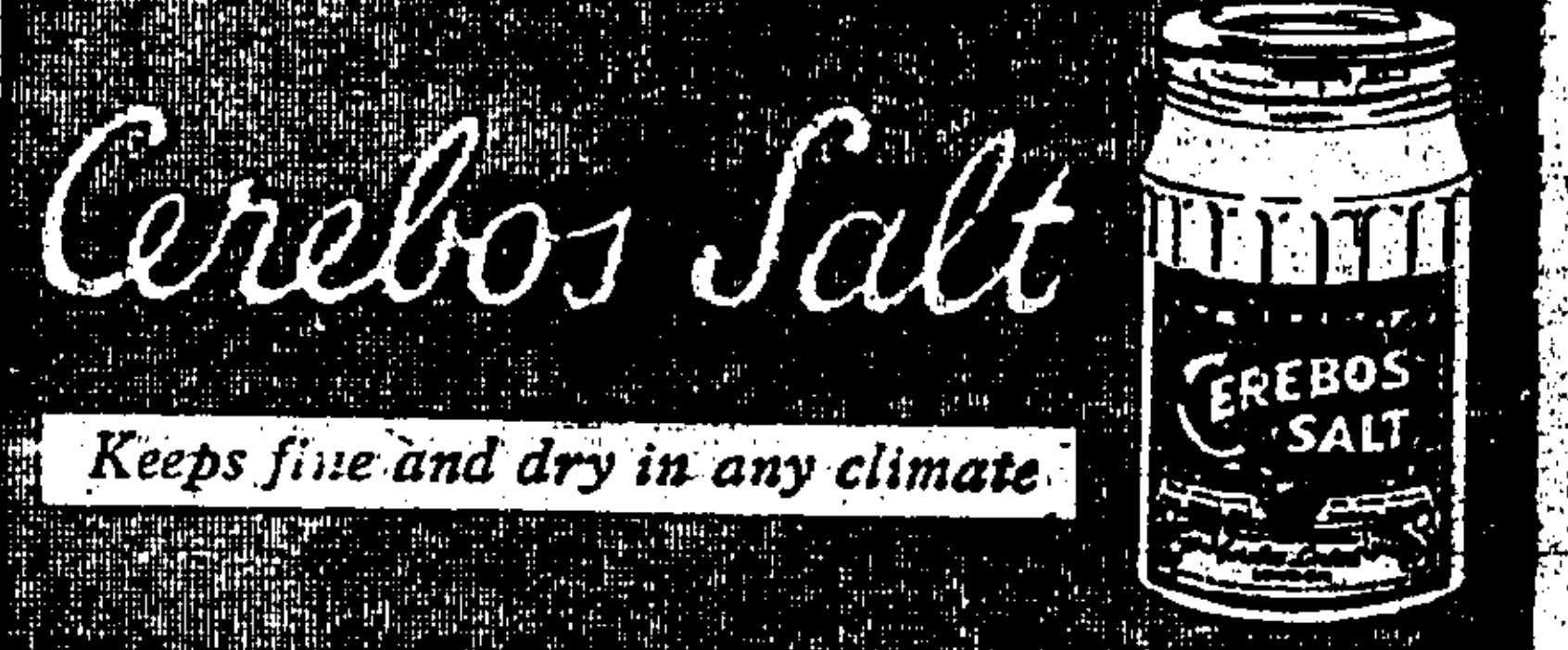
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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock
ExchangeSharebrokers'
Association

Buyers	Sellers	Value	Monday, Dec. 24.	Buyers	Sellers	Value
			Banks			
\$1,830			H.K. Banks			\$1,835
			Do. (London)			218
			Chartered Bank			223
			Maritime Bank			213
			Do. "C"			593
			Bank of East Asia			\$99
			N. O. & S. Bank			
			Am. O. Fin. Corp. S.			
			Ch. Fin. Corp. Ord. S.			
			Do. Prof. S.			
			Insurance			
			Canton Insurance			\$935
			Underwriters			\$1.15
			Union Insurance			\$800
			China Fire			\$610
			H.K. Fire			\$234
			International Assn. S.			
			Shipping			
			Douglas			\$39
			Steamboats			\$7
			Indos (pref.)			\$30
			Do. (def.)			\$35
			Shiella			\$43
			Waterboats			\$13
			Mining			
			Amatons			75 cts
			Balacos			
			Baguio Gold			38 cts
			Banguet Consolidated			\$14
			Do. Exploration			20 cts
			Do. Goldfield			10 cts
			Big Wedge			
			Gold River			32 cts
			Gold Creek			
			United Paracale			32 cts
			Salacot Mining			16 cts
			Ipo Mining			
			Ilogons			
			Kailans			19
			Langkats (single)			\$16
			Explorations			\$8
			Shanghai Loans			\$8
			Yuenan Gold Fida			\$10.40
			Docks, Wharves,			\$44
			Godown, etc.			
			H.K. & K. Wharves			\$110
			Producers (old)			\$1.40
			Do. (new)			25 cts
			H.K. & W. Docks			\$113
			S. China Motors			\$115
			Do. "B"			\$6
			Shanghai Docks			\$115
			S. New Engineering			\$6
			Hongkew			\$300
			Lands, Hotels, and			
			Buildings			
			H.K. Hotels			\$1.80
			H.K. Lands			\$55
			Do. 4% Debentures			12
			Shanghai Lands			\$34
			Metropolitan Lands			\$12.30
			H.K. Hotels			\$121
			China Do.			\$123
			Do. Debenture			\$91
			Hampshire			\$43
			New Asia Hotel			\$10
			Asia Hotel			\$88
			China Estates			\$8
			Cotton Mills			
			Ewo			\$8.90
			S'hai Cotton (old)			\$75
			Do. (new)			\$43
			Zong Sing			\$9.40
			Wing On Textile			\$33
			Public Utilities			
			Tramways			\$90.10
			Peak (old)			\$114
			Do. (new)			15
			Star Ferries			\$98
			Yumati Ferries			\$99
			China Lights (old)			\$10.40
			Do. (new)			\$10.10
			H.K. Electric			\$732
			Macao do			
			Sandakan Lights			\$35
			Telephones (old)			\$10.80
			Do. (new)			
			China Buses			
			Tramways			
			Industries			
			Malayan Sugars			
			Calabook (old)			\$31
			Macgregor (pref.)			\$30
			Canton Luce			\$2.85
			Cement			\$2.30
			Kopas			\$2.50
			Miscellaneous			
			Dairy Farms			\$34
			Dei A. Wings			
			Amusement			\$43
			Ch. Entertainment			\$61
			Constructions (old)			\$10
			Do. (new)			75 cts
			Loas Crawford			\$32
			Macintosh			\$21
			Nanyang Tobacco			\$4.50
			Cigars			\$4
			Watsons			\$5
			Wm. Powells			\$5.05
			M. Greyhounds			\$1.20
			S. U. Enterprises			
			United Theatres			\$1.20
			Ch. G. 5 1/2% Bds.			90%
			H.K. Govt. 4% Loans			2%
			Do. 3 1/2%			2%
			Wallace Harpor			\$110
			H.K. Wing On			\$10
			Shai Do.			\$10
			Vibro Piling			\$61

BREAD RATIONS
IN U.S.S.R.

To Be Abolished

Moscow.
A regular plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which sat for three days, discussed and passed on decisions on the question of the abolition of the system of rationing bread and several other products, and re-organization of political sections of State farms and machine and tractor stations.

The resolution of the plenary session on abolition of the system of ration cards for bread and some other products, in its introductory part, states that the food card system had been necessary at the time of its introduction, because of the growing demand for food in cities and industrial regions, whose requirements in bread and other products were increasing under the first Five-Year Plan, due to the growth of cities and the industrialization of the U.S.S.R.

The situation, however, has radically changed. The State now disposes of sufficient grain completely to ensure the supply of it to the population by means of free sale of bread without the system of rations.

The abolition of the system of rations is bound to eliminate the existence of two different prices (for rationed and general sale) and secure the introduction of a single State bread price which must approximately form the average between the present high price for general sales and the lower price for rationed sale.

Since this will lead to a certain rise in bread prices, the plenary session considers that a corresponding increase must be effected in wages and salaries.

The plenary session considers it necessary:

To abolish as from January 1, 1935, the rationing system for bread, flour, and cereals, and to organize universal free sale of bread and other products to the population through State and co-operative shops;

To cancel all existing retail prices for bread, flour, and cereals, and to introduce unified retail State prices for these goods;

To raise, as from January 1, 1935, all wages, salaries, scholarships, and pensions;

To start immediately an expansion-co-operative shops for the sale of bread—Tass.

RUBBER MARKET
REVIEW

Messrs. G. A. Harriman & Co., local agents for Messrs. Stanton Nelson & Co., Ltd. have forwarded the following Review:

Singapore, Dec. 14.

During the past week the market has remained uniformly dull, with only small business passing.

Speculative interest has, for the time being, died down, and dealers appear to be content to mark time.

All doubts as to the ability of the Dutch Authorities to carry out their commitments have now disappeared, but the general feeling is that markets are unlikely to become active until the holidays are over.

Estimates of American consumption for the first quarter of next year at 130,000 tons, compared with 90,000 for the last quarter of this year, are distinctly encouraging, and any nearby rubber coming on the market at current prices is easily absorbed.

SAMEN ON SHORE

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.

One wonders if the crew of the Deutschland, which vibrates intolerably, live in as great discomfort as did their predecessors of the old Imperial Navy.

Owing to the inordinate amount of space devoted to protection, the pre-war German battleships were terribly cramped.

Accommodation for the men was far below the British standard. The mess decks were low and terribly overcrowded, and in dreadnoughts of the Nassau and Heuland classes officers of lieutenant's rank slept in four-bunk cabins. These conditions were mitigated by the fact that the ships went to sea only for manoeuvres and short cruises, for the greater part of the time

CANTON SILK
MARKET

The Kwangtung Raw Silk Testing Bureau, Department of Reconstruction, Canton, China reports the following:

Canton Quotations
December 21.
Extra O.S. 13/15 H.K. \$430N.
Small Extra O.S. 13/15 H.K. \$400N.
Crack N.S. 14/16 H.K. \$320N.
Extra Extra 20/22 H.K. \$300N.
Waste N.S. Open H.K. \$64P.

Yokohama Quotations
December 22.
Opening
Spot Yen 585
Bourse 6 months Yen 599

New York Quotations
December 21.
Bid Ask
December 1.31 1.314
March 1.31 1.31
May 1.32 1.33

H.K. SHAREBROKERS'
ASSOCIATION

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$80.
Underwriters, \$1.15.
Unions, \$500.
China Fire, \$500.
Antamoks, 75 cts.
Beng Explorations, 20 cts.
Lands, \$54.
Wharves, \$110.
Providents (old), \$1.40.
Trams, \$20.10.
Ferries, \$98.
Lights (old), \$10.20.
Electric, \$71.
Telephones (old), \$24.85.
Cements, \$2.20.
Lane, Crawford & Co., \$3.
Gold \$ Bonds, \$90.
Govt. Loan 3 1/2%, 2%.

SELLERS
Antamoks, 76 1/2 cts.
Lands, \$55.
Lights (old), \$10.35.

SALES
Electric, \$71 1/2.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS
Appear on Page 3

COMMODITIES PRICES

New York, Dec. 23.
New York Cotton
Dec. 22.

Closing	Opening	Closing
Dec. 12.51	12.52	12.57
Jan. 12.51	12.51	12.53
Mar. 12.59	12.62	12.63
May 12.68	12.69	12.70
July 12.68	12.70	12.71
Oct. 12.53	12.56	12.58
(1935)		
Spot	12.75	12.80

New York Rubber
Dec. 12.80 unquoted 12.85 12.85
Jan. 12.87 12.85 12.85 12.85
Mar. 13.09 13.05 13.08 13.08
May 13.29 13.24 13.25 13.25
July 13.47 13.44 13.44 13.45
Sept. 13.68 13.65 13.65 13.65
Total sales: 76 lots

Chicago Wheat
Dec. 97 98 98 98 98
May 98 98 98 98 98
July 98 98 98 98 98
Friday's sales: 18,919,000 bushels

Chicago Corn
Dec. 83 83 83 83 83
May 83 83 83 83 83
July 83 83 83 83 83
Total sales: 11,549,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat
Dec. 77 77 77 77 77
May 82 82 82 82 82
July 83 83 83 83 83

New York Sugar
Dec. unquoted
Mar. 1.76 1.75 1.76 1.76
May 1.81 1.80 1.81 1.80
July 1.85 1.84 1.85 1.85
Sept. 1.88 1.88 1.89 1.89
Total sales: 9,000 tons

New York Silk
Dec. 1.31
Mar. 1.31
May 1.33

Montreal Silver
Dec. 53.45 53.05 53.05 53.50 53.50
Mar. 53.75 53.70 54.00 54.15 54.25
May 54.50 54.60 54.60 54.65 54.75
July 55.10 55.00 55.20 55.15 55.40
Total sales: 10 contracts

New York Gold
Dec. 1.31
Mar. 1.31
May 1.33

London Silver
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THE EXCHANGE
MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

There was a fair amount of business in Silver in London on Saturday last. The market was supported by speculators and also by America. Sales were made for account of China. The market closed steady at 1/16 higher, ready at 2 1/2 and forward at 2 1/2.

The price in America was 4 1/2 cents.

Sterling opened in New York at 49 1/2 and closed at 49 1/2.

Market
A rising tendency was maintained in the early part of the morning but on Shanghai easing off, our market followed their tendency.

Sterling
Sterling was up in the opening at 1/8 19/32 with buyers probably at 1/8 21/32. Trading commenced at 1/8 23/32 for February followed by 1/8 11/16 for cash 1/8 23/32 January second half and the same rate for cash 1/8 25/32 for March second half, but at this point, the market eased off and sellers became reluctant, and business was done at 1/8 11/16 for second half January, February and 1/8 1/16 for cash. The market closed with near sellers possibly at 1/8 1/16 and buyers at 1/8 11/16.

U.S. Dollars
Were dealt in early in the session at 42 1/2 followed by 42 9/16, 42 1/2, 42 11/16 and 42 1/2 all for December delivery, 42 11/16 January second half, 42 1/2 January. The closing tone was: sellers 42 9/16 and buyers 42 1/2 December/January.

Shanghai Dollars
Nominally at 12 1/2.

Shanghai Market
Sterling at 1/4 9/16 for near and 1/4 3/16 for forward improving to 1/4 1/16 for near. Later the tone however eased to some extent. Dollars 34 1/16 for near 33 3/16 for forward and subsequently 34 1/16 for near and 33 7/16 for forward.

IN THE AFTERNOON
The market took an easy turn in the afternoon.

Sterling
After being nominally quoted at 1/8 1/16, sellers for near receded to 1/8 9/16 leading to business at 1/8 9/16 for December as well as for January and 1/8 1/16 for February. 1/8 12/32 was also done for February. The market closed with sellers at 1/8 9/16 and buyers at 1/8 1/16.

U.S. Dollars
42 1/2 was done for January delivery and later 42 9/16 for the second half of that month. The closing rate was 42 7/16 December/January, buyers at 42 1/2.

Shanghai Market
Sterling 1/4 9/16 for near and 1/4 3/16 for forward, U.S. 34 1/16 for near and 33 7/16 for forward. The market was quiet.

H. K. STOCK
EXCHANGEMONDAY'S OFFICIAL
QUOTATIONS

In spite of its being the eve of a holiday the market showed signs of some steadiness. Electric came to business at \$71 1/2. H.K. Banks at \$1,825, and Kowloon Wharves were placed at \$111. At the close there were enquiries for Electric, China Lights, Telephones, H.K. Banks and Unions.

BUYERS
H.K. Banks, \$1,825.
Union Insurance, \$507 1/2.
Underwriters, \$1.20.
Antamoks, 75 cts.
Baguio Gold, 35 cts.
Wharves, \$110 1/2.
H.K. Lands, \$54.
H.K. Lands 4% Debts, \$99 1/2.
Realities, \$5.30.
H.K. Trams, \$20.10.
Star Ferries, \$98.
Electric, \$71 1/2.
Telephones (old), \$24 1/2.
Telephones (new), \$10.85.
Singapore Tractors, 4/3.
S.C. Enterprises, \$1.
Constructions (new), 70 cts.
Govt. 4% Loan, 8% Prem.
Govt. 3 1/2% Loan, 2% Prem.

SELLERS
Douglases, \$40.
Baguio Gold, 40 cts.
H.K. Roads, \$41.10.
H.K. Banks, \$1,825.
China Fire, \$500.
Wharves, \$111.
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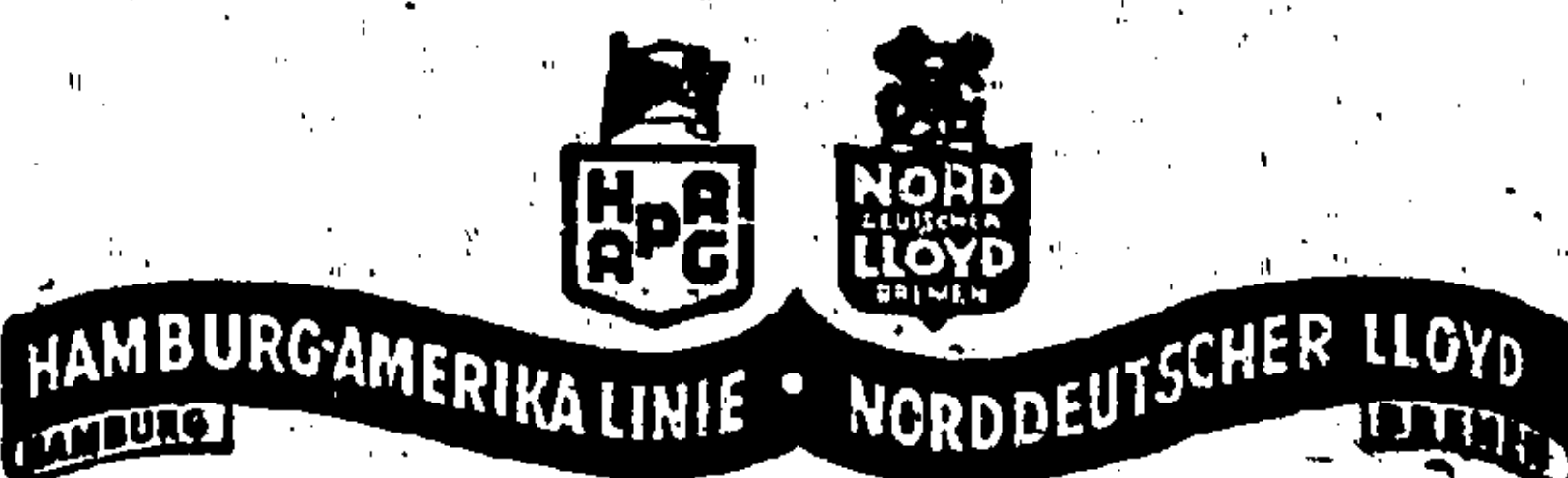
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(NDL) s.s. "DONAU" for S'hai, Dairen, Tsingtau, Yama, Kobe ... 30th Dec.
* (HAL) s.s. "KARNAK" for S'hai, Tsingtau, Dairen, Moji, Osaka, Kobe ... 3rd Jan.
* (NDL) m.s. "FULDA" for Shanghai, Dairen, Yama, Kobe ... 10th Jan.
† (HAL) m.v. "BURGENLAND" for Shanghai, Dairen, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya ... 17th Jan.
(NDL) s.s. "ISA" for Shanghai, Yama, Kobe, Taku, Bat, Dairen, Tsingtau ... 23rd Jan.

HOMeward SAILINGS

† (HAL) m.v. "SAUERLAND" for Genoa, Rotterdam, H'burg. ... 26th Dec.
(NDL) s.s. "GREFELD" for Genoa, Marseilles, Oran, R'dam, H'burg, Bremen ... 29th/30th Dec.
* (NDL) m.s. "TRAVE" for Genoa, M'lies, Amsterdam, R'dam, Hamburg, Bremen ... 8th Jan.
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WAR-ON TRADE DEPRESSION

New Commissioner's Task

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.—Mr. P. Malcolm Stewart, the Commissioner appointed by the Government to tackle the problem of unemployment in the depressed areas of England and Wales, spoke hopefully in an interview of the prospects of success in the great task that he has undertaken. "It is impossible to achieve any dramatic results," he said. "You cannot wave a magic wand and instantly turn depressed areas into prosperous areas. It is only by a steady attack at a number of points that the gradual reformation can be effected. "I am looking in different directions to achieve a cumulative effect. One has to be bold and risk failure. It is no good being afraid of one's shadow in this work."

"Rapid progress is being made with the organization, and there is no doubt that the success of the work depends upon the efficiency of those who are going to be in immediate contact with the work."

Asked if there was likely to be any further expenditure in addition to the Government grant of £2,000,000, Mr. Stewart said: "I am confident that there will be no difficulty in finding adequate funds if we can prove that those entrusted to me are wisely expended."

"The Government is making an experiment in dealing with this problem, and further expenditure will depend on how this grant justifies itself. It must be borne in mind, however, that this is only one of the many directions in which the Government is tackling the problems."

Co-operation Essential
"My endeavour will be to get the cordial co-operation of all concerned in carrying out the various schemes determined upon, to make workers and supervisors alike feel that the schemes are their schemes, and, if success is achieved, the credit theirs."

"The task resolves itself into a steady attack on a defined front. The enemy of depression, so long and deeply entrenched, will not be quickly overcome; it will not be easily dislodged. The life of the land lends itself in few places to a rapid advance, but persistent attack will bring victory."

"I wish to stress that the Government has devised a practical scheme and are wisely testing it out in the most depressed areas. Do not let us waste our time debating the theories of relief, or measuring the schemes in terms of two Commissioners and £2,000,000."

"I look to all, both within and without the depressed areas, who have at heart the welfare of the unemployed eagerly to grasp the opportunity afforded."

"Let us prove that we can put in a sound foundation, and funds will not be lacking for a bold superstructure."

THE AIR MAIL SERVICE

Extension To Australia

London, Dec. 5.—The Postmaster-General announces that beginning with the service leaving London on Saturday, December 8, the England-India-Malaya Air Mail service will be extended to Australia. The service will also be available for correspondence for New Zealand and for the Dutch East Indies. Correspondence for Australia sent by the service leaving London on December 8 should be delivered in time for Christmas.

The first service in the homeward direction will leave Brisbane on Monday, December 10, and will be due to reach London on Monday, December 24. Thereafter the aeroplane will leave Brisbane on Wednesday and will be due to reach London on Monday, 12 days later.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The new Russian Ambassador to Paris, Potemkin, the successor of the late Dvorkovitski arrived here on Friday to take up his duties. Potemkin was met at the station by his Charge d'Affaires, Rosenberg who was recently appointed under-secretary general of the League of Nations.

Transocean Kuo Min.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE)

On	Sterling Parity	Dec. 20	Dec. 21
Amsterdam	12.10 Florins	7.30 1/2	7.30 1/2
Athens	375 Drachmas		
Belgrade	276.316 Dinars		
Bombay	1s. 6d. per Rupee	12 25 1/2	12.30
Brussels	36 Belgas	21.12	21.12
Bucharest	613.568 Lei		
Buenos Aires	47.56d. per Peso		
Copenhagen	18.169 Kroner	15.25	15.26
Geneva	25.294 Francs		
Helsingfors	193.23 Marks		
Hongkong			1/8 7/16
Lisbon	110 Escudos		
Madrid	25.294 Pesetas	36 1/2	36 5/32
Milan	92.46 Lire	57 1/2	57 25/32
Montevideo	50.884 per Peso		
Montreal	4.867 Dollars	4.89 1/2	4.89 1/2
New York	4.867 Dollars	4.94 5/16	4.94 1/2
Oslo	18.169 Kroner		
Paris	194.31 Francs	74.78	74 21/32
Prague	164.25 Kronen	118 1/2	118 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	28.93d. per Gold		
Shanghai			
Stockholm	18.156 Kroner		
Vienna	34.563 Schillings		
Yokohama	24.55d. per Yen		
Silver (spot)		24 3/16	24 1/2
Silver (forward)		3 1/2 107 15/16	
War Loan	7 1/2		

Closing Quotations

December 24, 1934

ON LONDON:—	ON NEW YORK:—
Telegraphic Transfer...	Bank Bills, on demand 4 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 4 1/2	Credit, 60 days' sight, 4 1/2
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/8 1/2	ON BATAVIA:—
Credit, four months' sight 1/8	On demand 6 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	ON PARIS:—
On Demand 13 1/2	Bank Bills, on demand 6 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	Credit, 4 months' sight 6 1/2
On Demand 7 1/2	ON SAIGON:—
ON JAPAN:—	On demand 6 1/2
On Demand 11 1/2	ON MANILA:—
ON INDIA:—	On demand 8 1/2
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The public will have started their return to foreign travel by that time, and as the years follow and conditions become steadily better the judgment of the French line in planning the Normandie will be justified as she will be ready for the start of another era of prosperity."

MORE FIRST CLASS
Shipping men recalled M. Olivier's prediction as the fall bookings continued and they agreed that the start of the travel recovery was under way.

They pointed to the increased percentage of travellers in first-class quarters and the number of automobiles carried for travellers. The French liner Paris can accommodate 235 in first class and she carried 227 in that class, which is considered a good percentage even for summer travel.

EXPENSE WIDELY DIVIDED
The United States liner Washington carried 972 passengers when she arrived, and of these 694 were Americans.

The ship also carried 24 automobiles in her garage as baggage. Shipping men estimate four persons per automobile as an average on the ground that the expense of shipping is usually as widely divided as possible.

If this holds true in the Manhattan's case nearly 10 per cent. of her passengers had travelled in Europe by motor of planned to do so in this country. Shipping men saw a good degree of prosperity reflected in this percentage of motor travellers.

TIME LAG CITED
Shipping men pointed out that travel usually suffers after most other activities in time of depression. Persons who are accustomed to travel try to save enough for a trip abroad and abandon it only under strict necessity. Then when recovery starts they feel they must stay at home until things are well on their way back to normal.

So travel reached its depths last winter, two years after the worst had been experienced in other fields, and only now is it on its way up to the old peak, shipping men say. Belief in the recovery of travel by 1935 caused the French line to time the entry of the Normandie for next May.

BY SPRING OF 1935
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Pres. McKinley... Jan. 18, M'night
Pres. Grant... Feb. 1, M'night
Pres. Jefferson... Feb. 15, M'night
Pres. Jackson... Mar. 1, M'night

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Pres. Harrison... Jan. 5, 9 a.m.
Pres. Hayes... Jan. 19, 8 a.m.
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Pres. Monroe... Feb. 16, 8 a.m.
Pres. Van Buren... Mar. 2, 8 a.m.

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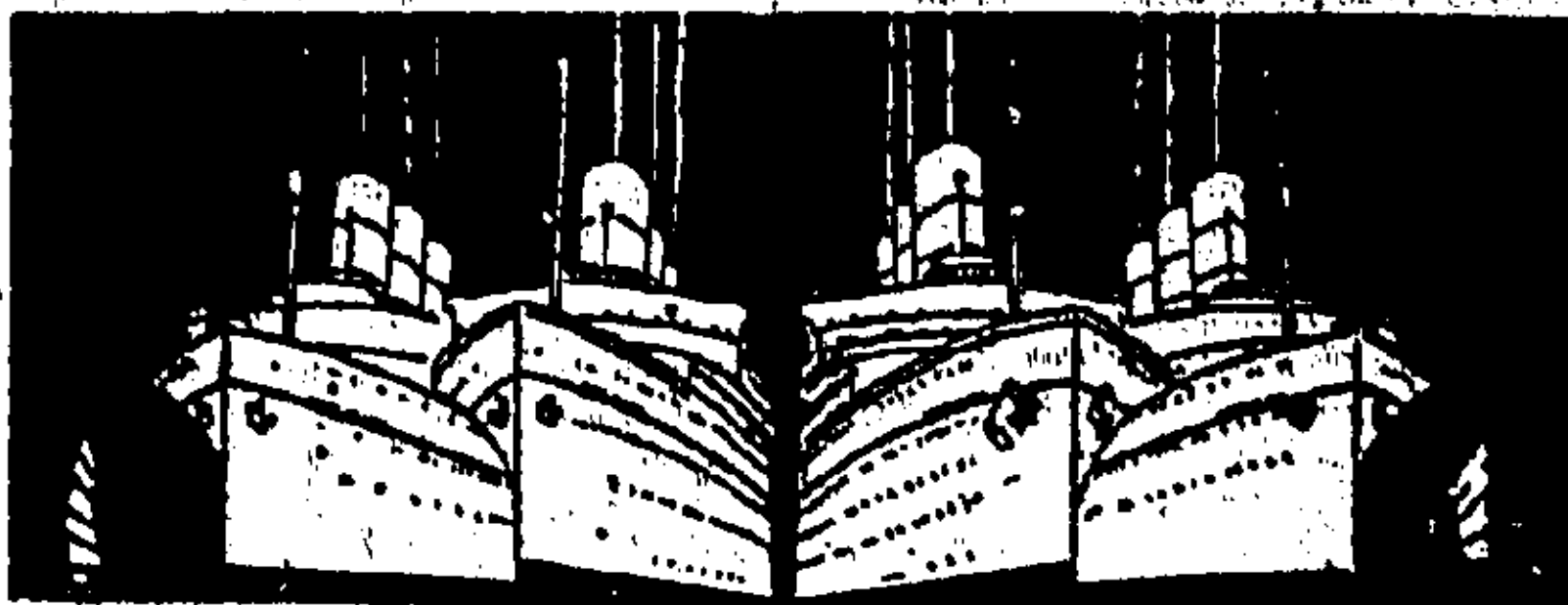
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,
Ships in Harbour, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS

IMPORTS 12,300 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
15,700 TONS

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:-

British	Cargo for Through	H.K.	Ports.
Foo Shing, Swatow	612	1,263	
Tai Yuan, Amoy	100	500	
Anshun, Hoihow	1,500	100	
Hulchow, Canton	—	70	
Ying Chow, Swatow	332	1,100	
Hai Ching, Swatow	500	—	
Pyrrhus, Shanghai	—	999	
Meneilus, Shanghai	91	5,200	
Glennue, Singapore	1,672	4,070	
American Gen. Pershing, Shanghai	491	700	
Dutch Tjibadak, Amoy	153	562	
Portuguese Shin Cheong, Macao	—	153	562
Norwegian Hellos, Swatow	1,800	—	
Japanese Ginsen Maru, Milke	3,510	—	
Hozan Maru, Swatow	848	—	
Chinese Tchekam, Hoihow	450	—	
An Lee, Tsingtao	320	1,180	
Total	12,377	15,744	

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

WHARVES

Kowloon:—Himalaya Maru, Kitaku Maru, Fushimi Maru, Bremerhaven.
Socony—Lalchikok—Wing Lee.
Douglas Laprak—Selstan.
Salkong—Tin Seng.

DOCKS

Kowloon:—President Jefferson.
Africa, Silver Cypress.
Talkoo—H.M.S. Otus, Kau Sing.
Tai Shan, Sinkiang.

BUOYS

No. A1—Pyrrhus.
No. A2—Minelau.
No. A3—Falstria.
No. A4—Tilawa.
No. A5—Solvik.
No. A7—Tjibadak.
No. A8—Ginsen Maru.
No. A9—Glennue.
No. A11—Chamont.
No. A13—Hsinyun Maru.
No. B2—Norviken.
No. B3—Anhui.
No. B5—Tchekam.
No. B8—Yat Shing.
No. B9—An Lee.
No. B10—Shun Chih.
No. B11—Protus.
No. B14—Kwei Yang.
No. B15—Anshun.
No. B17—Hellas.
No. B18—Hai Hing.
No. B20—Tai Yuan.
No. B21—Ying Chow.
No. B22—Hin Sang.
No. B25—Nankoh Maru.
No. B26—Katie Moller.
No. B27—Daisy Moller.
No. C1—Clara Jensen.
No. C2—Hulchow.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following Warships were in port yesterday:—
Basin—Tamar.
North Wall—Oswald, Osiris, Parthian.
East Wall—Phoenix, Herald.
North Arm—Medway and S/Ms.
West Wall—Kent, Sandwich, Bruce.

South Wall—Bridgewater, Falmouth.
In Dock—Tarantula.
Talkoo Dock—Otus.
Cosmopolitan Dock—Odin.
No. 3 Buoy—Adventure.
No. 5 Buoy—Cornwall.
No. 6 Buoy—Suffolk.

FOREIGN

U.S.S. Mindanao and Tulsa.
Italian—Quarto.
French—Argus.

MOVEMENTS

The Japanese Cruiser Saga left yesterday morning with the Japanese Admiral for Canton.
The Admiral transferred his flag to the Saga on the arrival of the Tatsuta in the morning.

H.M.S. SEAMEW

H.M.S. Seamew is reported to be still hard and fast with H.M.S. Cicala standing by with the Tug undertaking repairs on the spot and there are hopes of refloating her in a few days' time.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:-

British	9	7
American	1	1
Dutch	1	0
Portuguese	1	0
Total	12	8

SHIPPING SLUMP IN FRANCE

Losing Trade To Italy

(Special Air Mail Service)

London, Dec. 5.
The failure of the French Merchant Marine to keep pace with those of other nations was the theme of one Deputy after another at the Chamber in November 28, when the Budget of the French Ministry of Merchant Marine was under discussion.

The Bill passed this spring for subsidising the wage bills of ship-owners who brought back into service ships that had been laid up had been instrumental in bringing 90,000 tons of shipping out of the harbours. Twenty-seven per cent. of French vessels, however, were still laid up, whereas only 15 per cent. of the world's shipping is idle. It was stated by M. Candace, the Negro Deputy from the French West Indies.

In the Eastern Mediterranean, another Deputy complained, Italian vessels had entirely supplanted French vessels. Italian and Norwegian ships carried two-thirds of the oleaginous trade from French West Africa to Marseilles.

The traffic with French Indo-China, said the Deputy, was falling into Italian hands, and the French flag was seen less and less often on the Suez Canal.

M. Tasso, President of the Chamber Merchant Marine Commission, complained that the Ministry was too short of funds to maintain the necessary staff for supervising subsidised lines and for keeping shipping firms properly informed of the opportunities that were open to them.

Subsidy Without Control
What was the sense, M. Tasso asked, of voting a subsidy for the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (the French Line) to the extent of 150,000,000 francs and then cutting the Ministry's budget so that the Company thus subsidised could not be effectively controlled?

The interests of the French Merchant Marine, M. Tasso complained, were neglected by the Ministry of Commerce in negotiating trade treaties. He also complained of bad faith on the part of shipping companies.

The two most important demands made by the speakers were a privileged position for French ships trading between France and her colonies (at present this exists only for Algeria) and a policy of subsidies to favour breaking up old ships and building new modern vessels on the ground that much of the French merchant marine fleet is out of date.

Shipping Arrival and Clearances
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"BURDWAN"	6,000	5th Jan.	Bombay, Mers, Havre, L'don.
"BANCHO"	17,000	12th Jan.	H'g, R'dm, A'warp, & Hull.
"NADDERA"	16,000	26th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
"SOMALI"	7,000	2nd Feb.	Mars, Havre, London.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	9th Feb.	H'g, R'dm, A'warp, & Hull.
"BAJPUTANA"	17,000	23rd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
"BANGALORE"	6,000	2nd Mar.	Mars, Havre, L'don, H'g.
"CHITRAL"	15,500	9th Mar.	B'ham, A'warp, & Hull.
"CAERTHAGE"	14,300	23rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.

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"NELLORE"	2,000	1st Feb.	Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart.

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SAILING TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tonnage	From Hongkong (about)	Destinations
"SOMALI"	7,000	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NADDERA"	16,000	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	2,000	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SIRDHANA"	8,000	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	14th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BAJPUTANA"	17,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	8,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BAJPUTANA"	17,000	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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